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In most severe attack Wazzan assails U.S.

BEIRUT, March 15 (AP) — Lebanon's Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan and Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat have teamed up to deliver some of the harshest attacks to date on the U.S. Middle East policy.

"The United States is responsible for the plights of the Arab states in general and the Lebanese and Palestinian people in particular," said Wazzan at a national rally in the Lebanese mountain resort town of Aley Sunday. "While the United States seeds one emissary after the other to counsel (Arab restraint), it sends to Israel the most modern equipment for killing and destruction, providing it (Israel) at the same time with various political and diplomatic covers in every sphere," Wazzan said.

His assault was the sharpest official Lebanese criticism on the United States in the wake of American presidential envoy Philip C. Habib's latest troubleshooting shuttle in the Middle East to head off a new war between Israel and the PLO in Lebanon. Habib visited Lebanon twice during his 14-day trip which ended last week. He had several meetings with Wazzan as well as Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and Foreign Minister Fuad Buro. Habib also held talks with government leaders of Israel, Syria and Jordan.

Wazzan said the "United States" covers all of Israel's aggressions, invasions and occupations and "cannot be absolved of guilt toward us by a ceasefire it helps bring about."

This was an allusion to the ceasefire Habib helped negotiate between Israel and the PLO in South Lebanon last July 24. Habib sought to prevent collapse of the standoff during his latest trip to the region.

"The United States cannot be absolved from guilt as far as we are concerned unless it stopped aiding and abetting the aggressor and curbed his (Israel's) arrogance. The United States is capable of doing so," Wazzan said. His speech made the front pages of Beirut newspapers Monday. He urged the United States to help implement United Nations resolutions concerning the "removal of aggression from South Lebanon and repatriation of the Palestinian people within a state on their own soil."

Before Wazzan's denunciation, all senior Lebanese government leaders couched their public criticism of the United States in careful diplomatic language. It remains to be seen whether Wazzan's outburst reflects a departure from the traditional Lebanese government policy of counting on U.S. support to reinstate state sovereignty that disintegrated during the nation's 1975-76 civil war between rightist Christians and an alliance of nationalists and Palestinians.

Arafat took the floor after Wazzan at the

Imelda denies power goals

MANILA, March 15 (AP) — First Lady Imelda Marcos said Monday she has never had any political ambitions and hopes the Filipino people will allow her to step down when her husband leaves office.

She said her husband, President Ferdinand E. Marcos, does not want her to succeed him. Mrs. Marcos, in a two-hour news conference with foreign correspondents, also defended the extravagance of her projects, brushed off a question about her personal wealth and said her family recognizes no official relationship with freed kidnap victim Tommy Manotoc who took out a marriage license with her daughter.

She denied any comparisons with the late Eva Peron, former first lady of Argentina. The 52-year-old first lady also said her government positions are an "encumbrance" and she would rather join the private sector when her husband, in power more than 16 years, leaves office.

"When the President steps down, I hope to step down with him," she said.

She said, however, that Marcos, 64, is in good health with five more years to serve. "I don't think the President will just easily step down and reject what was offered him by the Filipino people," she said.

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rally which marked the fifth anniversary of the death of Lebanon's most prominent Socialist leader Kamal Jumblatt, who headed the nationalist-PLO civil war coalition Arafat accused Israel of staging a naval blockade of Lebanon's Mediterranean coast from Beirut, the capital, to the port city of Tyre 80 kms southward after the beginning of Habib's latest Middle Eastern shuttle.

Arafat's accusation followed repeated claims by the PLO in Beirut that Israeli gunboats were harassing ships bound to nationalist and Palestinian-controlled harbors in South Lebanon.

Arafat warned Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon against invading South Lebanon and said the commandos and their nationalist Lebanese allies would fight with Syrian air support and Soviet backing.

Soviet might 'leaks' boost U.S. arms call

By Peter Pringle

WASHINGTON, March 15 (ONS) — These days it is almost impossible to pick up the morning newspaper without seeing revelations from "top secret" U.S. intelligence reports about Soviet weapons.

We are suddenly learning about a new Soviet intercontinental bomber that can fly as low as America's proposed B1 and therefore escape radar detection. There is suddenly renewed concern about how rapidly the Russians are developing laser weapons which they will use to shoot down U.S. surveillance satellites.

According to one "secret" intelligence report (now very public thanks to a timely leak from a Republican member of Congress from Colorado), the Soviet Union could deploy laser weapons as early as next year, and they might be orbiting elaborate space battle platforms by the 1990s. Nothing different, you might say, from the tone of the Defense Department's sales pitches of yesterday — to wit, the bomber gap, the missile gap, and last year, the "window of vulnerability." Typically, the pitch says: "If the Russians have got it, we'd better have it, too, don't you think?" This year there is a difference.

As the debate opens over President Reagan's massive \$1,600 billion defense allocation for the next five years, it's clear it will take more than revelations about a new Soviet bomber or a laser beam weapon to convince Congress that the president's wishes should be endorsed.

The climate on Capitol Hill is far from one of surrender: the opposition has identified itself in the form of supporters of under-

Facing massive corruption Capitalism worries China

PEKING, March 15 (AFP) — The Chinese Communist Party is currently experiencing one of the most serious crises in its history, the official *People's Daily* said in a commentary Monday.

The danger of a return to capitalism in China was "far from past," the newspaper said, with the "main danger" lying within the Communist Party itself and its 39 million members. Corruption had never before reached the levels found today, even during the years immediately following the setting up of the regime in 1949, the official party mouthpiece said.

This admission comes as the Chinese authorities have embarked on a war against corruption which they have repeatedly described as a "question of life or death" for the party. Added to the problem of corruption are the "influence of the decadent capitalist ideology" and the "remaining feudal ideology" (basically the leftover ideas of the "Gang of Four") and the "fawning mentality of seeking a foreign way of life."

Together, these three problems were "more serious today than they have been at most times in the past 32 years," the paper said.

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King, Kountche view ties

RIYADH, March 15 (SPA) — King Khaled and visiting Niger President Seyni (Hussain) Kountche Monday discussed the Middle East, Islamic solidarity, Afro-Arab cooperation, and the situation in West Africa. The talks also covered bilateral relations and issues of common interest.

The Saudi Arabian side to the working session at Riyadh's Conferences Palace included Crown Prince Fahd; Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard; Prince Sultan, the minister of defense and aviation; Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal; Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, the minister of finance and national economy; Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the minister of agriculture and water who is also minister in waiting Sheikh Rashad Nuwaylati, the Kingdom's ambassador to Niamey; and Ambassador Abbas Gbazzawi, the head of

the Asia and Africa desks at the Foreign Ministry.

Daud Diallo, the minister of foreign affairs and cooperation; Abdo Malem, the minister of posts and communications; Brah Mahaman, the planning minister; and Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Salvo Shoumel were present on the Niger side.

Earlier in the day, Prince Saud conferred separately with Daud Diallo, the minister of foreign affairs and cooperation. The talks dealt with the ways and means of bolstering bilateral cooperation. At the same time, Planning Minister Brah Mahaman conferred with Aba Al-Khail. The meetings were part of a series of side talks between officials of the two countries aimed at promoting bilateral relations and cooperation.

After the session, President Kountche went to Madinah to visit the Holy Prophet's mosque.

Congress not convinced

funded social programs and opponents of massive federal deficits — both of which would be worsened by the huge military allocation. There are more subtle undercurrents of doubt. The central question emerging is not whether this or that weapons system should be funded, but whether the United States Congress should underwrite the new defense policy that the president and his secretary of defense, Caspar Weinberger, apparently want.

The administration's new marching orders call for a "reasonable assurance force" which some critics have interpreted as a new and dangerous form of "horizontal escalation" of local crises, such as Poland. For example, Weinberger rang alarm bells when he implied that U.S. troops might move into Poland during a war to retaliate for a Soviet push against American interests elsewhere: a sort of global lit-for-tat.

Weinberger said: "A war-time strategy that confronts the enemy, were he to attack, with the risk of our counter-offensives against his vulnerable points, strengthens deterrence and serves the defensive peace-time strategy... our counter-offensives could be directed at places where we can affect the outcome of the war."

Such a "horizontal strategy," said one defense budget opponent, Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, would mean that the United States would have to have thousands more people in uniform, plus whole new army divisions and air force wings. Having identified the new strategy, Nunn was alarmed to discover that the senior planners of the four military services, the army, the navy, the air force and the marines, agree that, even with the administration's proposed budget,

BP oil profits record decline

LONDON, March 15 (AP) — British Petroleum, Britain's largest company in turnover, Monday reported lower profits for 1981 in what it described as a "generally depressed business environment." BP net income fell to 1,018 billion pounds (\$1.84 billion), from 1,435 billion pounds (\$2.6 billion) in 1980.

The profits decline was despite a rise in sales and operating revenue to 25,755 billion pounds (\$46.6 billion) from 20,656 billion pounds (\$37.4 billion).

BP's interest in Standard Oil of Ohio (SOHIO), which continues to prosper in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, and British North Sea operations in the forties field were bright spots in an otherwise gloomy year, the company said.

The company recommended an unchanged final dividend of 20.25 pence (36.6 cents) for the year.

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America will still not have a "reasonable assurance force" because it will cost a lot more. "It seems to me we had better go back to the drawing board on strategy," Nunn said.

That means redefining the Russian threat. Such a debate, if that is what it comes to, will be long and heated. Take as one example the contribution, recently published, of Richard Stubbins. Until last October he was chief of the office of management and budget's national security division, which reviews the defense budget.

Stubbins maintains that Weinberger's doomsday reports about the Russian threat have been so far.

Call to bolster Bonn's forces

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP) — A top West German opposition leader urged Monday that his country's forces be strengthened if American and other allied units are withdrawn for use elsewhere.

Prime Minister Franz Josef Strauss of Bavaria was the unsuccessful candidate against Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in 1980. A former minister of defense and economics, Strauss would take an important part in forming a new government if — as he predicts — Schmidt is compelled to quit soon.

He has an appointment to see Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr., on Tuesday. Strauss opposed any effort to broaden the North Atlantic Treaty, which does not cover the Gulf area, so that Europeans could jointly help defend their oil supplies. "The damage would be bigger than the possible outcome," he said. "If diplomats are on free racing course (get a free rein) — this would take years and years and the outcome might be unsatisfactory."

Instead, he proposed, West Germany and other European allies should be ready to make a contribution by replacing units which naval powers such as the United States, Britain and France may send to protect oil shipments. He suggested that this would require West Germany to build as many as eight frigates for anti-submarine defense in the North Sea. Europeans, he added, should acquire more long distance air transport so that if there is trouble in Africa, American transport would not be needed.

BP said the results of its oil trading business were "unsatisfactory" while losses in its chemical sector increased.

While profits fell, BP's contributions in taxes and royalties soared.

It handed over 2,439 billion pounds (\$4.4 billion) to the British treasury, compared with 1,669 billion pounds (\$3.02 billion) in 1980.

That works out at almost 50 pounds (\$90) for every man, woman and child in Britain.

Worldwide, the oil giant said it paid governments taxes and royalties of 4.5 billion pounds (\$8.15 billion), up 1.6 billion pounds (\$2.9 billion) from 1980.

The profits announcement was not as bad as the stock market had expected and BP shares were unchanged.

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Riyadh

Offers to mediate in M.E. Mubarak declines to visit Jerusalem

CAIRO, March 15 (AP) — While declaring his refusal to visit Jerusalem as part of a proposed visit to Israel, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was quoted here Monday as offering to play a mediatory role in bringing about a peace dialogue between the Zionist state and Arab countries.

In an interview with the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Siyassah*, Mubarak in the meantime expressed belief that Israel would not "risk facing international consequences" by delaying its final withdrawal from Sinai, scheduled to be completed by April 25, because of the controversy over the visit. The text of the interview was published by Cairo newspapers.

He said Egypt disagreed with Israel when it annexed the Arab sector of the holy city and declared it an undivided part of its capital. Israel occupied East Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. "It became a matter of principle" after Israel made a "fuss" over the visit and said it preferred to cancel the visit if Jerusalem was not included, Mubarak was quoted as saying.

"It is not within diplomatic norms that a country imposes certain places on the itinerary of a visiting president, Mubarak said. He said visiting Jerusalem was not a condition included in the U.S.-sponsored Camp David peace accords that produced the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty but failed to bring about an agreement on giving autonomy to the 1.5 million Palestinians living on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Mubarak said the visit was "delayed" because he "cannot go to Jerusalem because there are differences between our two countries over it," but implied that he was still willing to go to Israel if Jerusalem was dropped.

Israel wants Mubarak to visit Jerusalem to obtain a tacit Egyptian recognition of the new status of the city. He called on Israel not to link the visit to "its unjustified worries" about future relations with Egypt. "Israel should understand that we maintain diplomatic relations and that the visit if not carried

out today, would take place another time."

"The decision to postpone the visit at the time being was not aimed at going back on agreements we signed and respected. I believe Israel in return would also respect its signature," Mubarak said, referring to the peace treaty the two countries signed in March 1979.

Mubarak said he is sure that Israel would carry out its obligation under the Egyptian-Israeli treaty and withdraw in time. The Egyptian president meanwhile said "Egypt's return to the Arab fold is inevitable" but reaffirmed that this would not be at the cost of its relations with Israel.

He said Egypt wants good relations with all Arab countries and disclosed that he has refused to resume relations with an Arab country, as that country has taken a hostile attitude toward Saudi Arabia and other Arab states in the Gulf. Mubarak did not mention it by name but it was believed he was referring to Libya which he said has raised the state of readiness among its military forces stationed on the two countries' joint borders.

Shamir ignores Qaddafi offer

TEL AVIV, March 15 (AP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir brushed aside as "not serious" a reported remark by Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi that he was ready to come to terms with Israel, a spokesman for Shamir said Monday.

Qaddafi's reported remarks appeared in the Austrian media last week following a state visit by the Libyan leader to Vienna.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman quoted Shamir as saying in a closed meeting with visiting West German parliamentarians that Qaddafi "is simply not serious." Shamir was quoted as saying that Qaddafi had made contradictory statements in the past.

French local election results strengthen Socialist sway

PARIS, March 15 (R) — France's ruling Socialists Monday emerged from local elections with their position strengthened as the country's leading party although the left as a whole suffered a reverse after only nine months in power.

Full official results from just over 2,000 contests Sunday for seats on cantonal or county councils gave the Socialists Party of President Francois Mitterrand 29.9 percent of the poll, its highest score in regional voting since 1945. On the right, the moderate French Democratic Union or UDF and the neo-Gaullist RPR grouping which generally supported a single list of candidates across the country took 18.8 percent and just under 18 percent.

But in overall terms, right-wingers took 49.9 percent of the poll, with the left at 49.6 percent losing considerable ground as com-

pared with its performance when it swept to power in presidential and parliamentary elections last year. Major losers were the Communists, who had been hoping that the government alliance with the Socialists, which has given them four seats to the cabinet, would help them reverse a steady electoral decline since the late 1970s.

Communist candidates received only 15.9 percent of the vote, a full seven percent down on their performance in the last cantonal voting in their poor districts in 1976 and lower than their poor showing in the 1981 parliamentary poll.

Sunday night television computer analyses of the results had put the right's lead over the left at four percent which if confirmed would have meant a serious political setback for the administration and Mitterrand personally.

S. Africa blames whites for raid

PRETORIA, March 15 (AP) — Police said Monday five whites — three Britons, a Belgian and a former South African — slipped into South Africa from Britain last year and organized a rocket attack on a military base near Pretoria.

Li. Gen. Johann Coetzee, head of the security police, identified them as Britons, Nicholas Francis Henry Heath, David William Hedges and Miss Bonnie Lou Mullar. Belgian-born Guido Lucian van Hecken and former South Africa Edward Wetli. He said they were Communist agents.

A Johannesburg newspaper said Wetli was living in Canada and that Van Hecken was teaching in Maputo, Mozambique. Coet-

zee told reporters increasing numbers of white foreigners were being sent to South Africa to help the banned African National Congress. South Africa's main black nationalist group seeking to overthrow the white-minority government.

He said the whites left the country before the attack in August, and black ANC members fired two 122mm rockets on the Army Base. Two persons were injured in the attack.

Unofficial accounts said it was the first time since the 1960s that whites were suspected of a major guerrilla act in South Africa. Coetzee said the five had rented a farmhouse 250 meters from the point where the rockets were launched.

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On relations and cooperation

Korean confers with Sattam, ministers

By Javid Hassan
Arab News Staff

RIYADH, March 15 — Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam received here Monday South Korean Trade and Industry Minister Suh Suk-Jun for talks on relations between the two countries.

The Korean minister had talks earlier in the day, with Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aha Al-Khail. The meeting, attended by Assistant Undersecretary for International Economic Relations Saeed Al-Saeed and Assistant Undersecretary for International Development Cooperation Isma Al-Faqih, reviewed cooperation between Korea and the Kingdom in economic affairs.

Joon and his party began their visit to the Kingdom in Jeddah today. He already held talks with Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Alghusaini, Petroleum and Minerals Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani and Commerce Minister Dr. Suliman A. Solaiman. Suh expressed the hope that the Kingdom's recent decision to lower its oil production by

one million bpd "will not adversely affect in any way Korean economy, including ensuring the consistent and stable supply at a reasonable price."

He told *Arab News* "it is my firm belief that the oil policy of the Kingdom is based on the principle of serving the interests of the Kingdom as well as healthy development of the world economy as a whole."

Suh also commended the various features of the Third Development Plan, especially its "emphasis on the development in the fields of manpower and social welfare."

"Since Korea has considerable experience in implementing our own economic development plans during the last 20 years, it would benefit our two countries in sharing that experience," Suh said, adding, "I hope that the mutual economic and technical cooperation in the various fields, especially in the manufacturing and agricultural sectors, will be the most successful ones."

Asked what was the main objective on his visit to the Kingdom, Suh said Saudi Arabia is Korea's third biggest trading partner. "As I

understand it, the Kingdom has laid a solid basis for the development of its infrastructure by carrying out two long-term economic development plans and has been implementing a third plan since June 1980. I believe that there is a room for Korea which has accumulated a great deal of experience and expertise in the development of manpower."

The minister also referred to the Muslim community in Korea which, he said, is growing at a rapid pace. A number of mosques have been built, while an Islamic university will come up near Seoul in the near future with the full cooperation of the governments of Saudi Arabia and Korea.

16 men, 3 ladies embrace Islam

JEDDAH, March 15 (SPA) — Nineteen persons embraced Islam here Monday before Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Issa, president of Jeddah Shari'a courts. They included 10 Koreans, six Filipinos and three women from Italy, Ethiopia and Eritrea.

U.S. organizes audio-visual exhibit

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 15 — An exhibition of audio visual and educational aids will be organized by the U.S. Department of Commerce at the Intercontinental Hotel in Riyadh March 20 to 24, according to Andrew McGrath, commercial officer at the American embassy here.

He told *Arab News* that more than 30 specialist companies will display equipment and services. Vocational, technical and industrial training programs and facilities, scientific and technologically advanced equipment systems, educational films, human resource planning, development and utilization, computer-based training systems, aviation and related skills training, wireless language teaching systems, and management and administration training programs will be on

KFU to stage show on public urban projects

DAMMAM, March 15 (SPA) — King Faisal University's college of architecture and planning will organize architectural exhibitions for several government departments from March 27 to May 26, during which building projects will be on display and open lectures and meetings will be held with the students and those interested in town planning and building projects.

The participating parties will include the Municipality of Jeddah; Ministry of Public Works and Housing; Frontier Corps; General Presidency of Youth Welfare; General Electricity Organization; Ministry of Health; Directorate General of military works; and the Municipality of Riyadh.

The exhibitions are planned with a view to getting visitors acquainted with building projects now under implementation in the country and also to benefiting the students in acquiring more know-how in these fields.

Officials discuss improving depot

By A Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 15 — A meeting presided over by Faisal Al-Shuhail, president of the government railroad organization (GRRO), at Riyadh Chamber of Commerce Monday discussed ways of improving the Riyadh customs depot, reviewed the work completed and the complaints by merchants. The meeting attended by other government officials and businessmen also studied recommendations made to improve the quality of service.

Among those who attended the meeting were Director General of Saudi Ports Authority Gen. Muhammad Al-Bakr, General Manager of King Abdul Aziz Port in Dammam Muhammad Al-Mahmi and others.

The SR230 million railroad depot, opened by Governor Prince Salman in May 1981, has facilitated the transportation of goods directly from King Abdul Aziz Port of Dammam to Riyadh. The total area of the customs depot is 650,000 square meters. This includes a loading and unloading station, warehouse, customs offices, a clinic, maintenance workshop and a mosque.

The depot has the latest equipment for efficient handling of goods which is done automatically. An 85 apartment housing area has been built for workers at the station. It

has a direct, internal and wireless telephone circuit.

Earlier, government officials had reviewed the fees levied for transporting containers from Dammam to the Riyadh depot. It was decided that the fees should be within reasonable limits and at the same time competitive with truck transportation rates.

Aviation talks held with Dutch

JEDDAH, March 15 (SPA) — Civil Aviation President Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ayaf Monday discussed an aviation agreement between the Kingdom and Holland with his Dutch counterpart. The meeting was attended by Rada Hakim, Saudi's deputy director general for commercial affairs.

Following the meeting, Assaf said the two sides reviewed the two government's views on the exchange of flights, and added that another meeting would be held Tuesday to reach a bilateral accord in the sphere of civil aviation.

On the other hand, the Dutch civil aviation chief stated that the meeting discussed the bilateral agreement and reiterated the two countries' desire to promote cooperation in this field.

Iraq concludes embassy contract

RIYADH, March 15 (SPA) — The Iraqi government signed an agreement here Monday for ownership of residence and chancery of its embassy at the proposed diplomatic enclave in the capital.

Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam signed the contract in his capacity as deputy chairman of the higher executive committee

for the transfer of the foreign ministry and embassies to Riyadh, while the other side was represented by Iraqi Ambassador to the Kingdom Shafik Hamoudi Al-Daraji.

The signing ceremony was attended by Dr. Muhammad Abdul Aziz Al-Sheikh, director general of the project's bureau.

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India offers new scope to boost trade, investing

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 15 — There is a vast scope for increasing two-way trade between India and Saudi Arabia, which currently accounts for more than \$600 million, according to Rama Prasad Goenka, chairman of Indo-Arab Joint Business Council (Indian section).

Speaking at a press conference here Monday, concluding his first visit to the Kingdom as leader of a business delegation organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, he said Indian exports to Saudi Arabia include iron and steel, machinery, cotton manufacturers, handicraft, spices, rice and tea. On the other hand, India imports petroleum, sulphur and inorganic chemicals.

In addition to this, he said, there are a number of items which can be exported to the Kingdom including fruits and vegetables, building materials, machinery and equipment, textiles, clothing, engineering products like diesel engines, water pumps, electric fans, refrigerators and coolers.

IDB to loan Turkey \$20m

JEDDAH, March 15 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank will loan Turkey \$20 million to buy crude oil from Iraq, according to an agreement signed here Monday.

The agreement was signed by IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, Abbas Belkis, Turkish embassy financial and economic adviser, and Erkin Yaman, the deputy governor of Turkey's central bank. Under the current financial year, the IDB already financed three industrial projects and two foreign trade operations for Turkey totaling \$42.8 million.

Saudi, Yemeni experts to foster ties

RIYADH, March 15 (SPA) — Experts from Saudi Arabia and North Yemen began meeting here Monday to draw up plans for closer economic cooperation.

They will also pave the way for a meeting of the Saudi-Yemeni Coordination Council which meets twice a year to review Saudi Arabian aid to that country. Defense Minis-

Goenka said there also is a good chance for setting up joint ventures. Indian entrepreneurs have set up nearly 202 joint ventures abroad, of which 102 are in Asia, 40 in Africa, 28 in the Middle East, 16 in the U.S. and 13 in West Europe. In Saudi Arabia, the few such ventures are in hotels, consultancy for engineering and contracting services, rubber rings and products, prefabricated cement structures, air conditioning and turn-key projects.

Some of the areas in which India can participate include fertilizers, agricultural equipment, agro-based industries such as canned fruits, engineering items like cast iron pipes, electrical fittings, automobile and bicycle parts, PVC resins and detergents, vegetables and other edible oils, he added.

Goenka said, the Kingdom has adequate exchange reserves and "we did not get any impression here that the oil production cut has dampened the spirit." Since construction activities and infrastructure development are likely to continue on a massive scale in Saudi Arabia, India can provide the services of technical and managerial personnel, geologists, engineers and architects.

He added that his country can also provide consultancy and training in establishment of petrochemical plants, iron ore exploration, mineral exploration, training in marketing and management, tourism and hotel management, construction of railways and general industrial training.

He said there is an information gap between the two countries and the present visit was to bridge it. Goenka has invited Sheikh Ismail Abu Dawood, president of Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and other Saudi businessmen to visit India, see what India has achieved and identify fields of cooperation.

The council chief said India has recently relaxed its foreign investment regulations in favor of investors from oil exporting countries.

ter Prince Sultan usually leads the Kingdom's delegation while this time the Yemeni Prime Minister Irfani will lead his country's team.

Saudi Arabia provides Yemen with annual budgetary support to wipe out the deficit and supplies development assistance to build roads, schools, hospitals, artisan wells and other essential services.

GCC chiefs of staff hold second session

RIYADH, March 15 (SPA) — Chiefs of Staff of the six Gulf Cooperation Council states began their second round of talks at the GCC headquarters here Monday.

Discussions expected to last two days, will explore ways of reinforcing coordination among member states in defense areas. The chiefs of staff also will discuss practical means to implement resolutions and directives of GCC defense ministers conference.

Meanwhile, Gen. Muhammad Saleh Al-Hammad, chief of the general staff, hosted a luncheon party at the officers' club, in honor of the visiting chiefs of staff. A number of armed forces officers attended.

On the other hand, Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, minister of finance and industry of the United Arab Emirates, met in Abu

Dhabi Monday with Dr. Abdullah Al-Quwaiz, GCC's assistant secretary general for economic affairs, and discussed ways of enforcing the unified economic treaty among the member states.

Quwaiz said after the meeting that the finance ministers of the GCC member states will sign an accord for the establishment of a Gulf investment corporation during their meeting in Riyadh next June. He added that several economic meetings will be held this month to pave the way for implementing the unified economic accord.

During his meeting, Quwaiz said, he submitted to Sheikh Hamdan two reports on the steps taken by the GCC secretariat general to implement the resolutions and recommendations of the industry ministers' conference recently held in Riyadh,

and also of the finance ministers' conference which was held in the Saudi Arabian capital last January.

In another development, the consultative committee for ophthalmic health — an offshoot of the Arabian Gulf health ministers' council — appealed to the Arab states of the region to implement the orientation program in connection with safety of the eyesight and prevention from ophthalmic diseases.

Concluding its meeting in Muscat Monday, the committee recommended that the states concerned set up advanced educational centers which could be recognized by international scientific bodies.

The committee had begun its meeting last Friday with the participation of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

Makkah parks' allocation totals SR323 million

JEDDAH, March 15 — Makkah Municipality has allocated SR323 million to expand the city's green areas and create more public parks. A spokesman for the municipality has said that designing and fencing gardens will cost SR120 million, inclusive of compensations to owners of expropriated land.

The spokesman was quoted by *Okaz* Monday as saying that a public park overlooking Azizia Street will cost SR135 million, while another park project with compensation for expropriations will cost SR36 million. The park will be located opposite King Abdul Aziz Street. Meanwhile, Makkah Governor Prince Majed has highlighted the benefits of trees for the country's nationals and residents and hoped that afforestation weeks become a tradition in Saudi Arabia.

Speaking to *Okaz* on the occasion of Makkah's plant-a-tree week which started here Sunday, the prince said that one of the most beautiful images he could see is that of a youth tilling the earth or planting a tree to turn his country's yellow sands into greenery. Besides the aesthetic aspect, he said, trees help reduce temperature. Preserving trees is the responsibility of every Saudi and resident, he added.

The municipality is about to sign a contract to build the Masfala public park. Another park, named Raqm Al-Wabar, will be handed over to the municipality within the coming few months. It has cost SR5 million. Furthermore, a tender has been issued for the establishment of four parks, namely Rusaifa, Azizia, Mahbas Al-Djinn, and a park near the headquarters of the Pilgrimage and Seasonal Forces. At the behest of Mayor Abdul Kader Koshak, the municipality's central agricultural department has distributed more than 21,000 saplings.

Zambian tours security department

RIYADH, March 15 (SPA) — Frederique Gumba, Zambia's internal affairs minister, Monday visited the Public Security Department. He was met by the Public Security Director Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh and Gen. Yahya Al-Mualimi, assistant director for operations.

The Zambian minister toured the various parts of the headquarters, including the criminal investigation department, the identification section, the criminal laboratories and other parts. He also was shown the ultra modern mobile homicide units, the ballistic

section, the forgery detection section and the forensic medicine section.

At the end of the visit, Gumba said he was impressed by the Kingdom's achievements in this field and by the equipment it possesses to help security men detect and prevent crime. He also appreciated the spirit of the men operating the equipment.

Sunday night, Interior Minister Prince Naif hosted a dinner at the Furusiya Club in honor of Gumba and his delegation. The banquet was attended by Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam and other officials.

Abdul Wasie meets Tunis minister

RIYADH, March 15 (SPA) — Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie met here Monday with Al-Mazni Shuqair, Tunisian minister of public employment and in charge of religious affairs.

Following the meeting, Abdul Wasie said he discussed civil service matters and religious affairs and exchanged views on possible ways of developing the civil service in the two countries. Talks also covered the services the Kingdom renders to the pilgrims and the development of these services in the future.

The minister said he explained to the Tunisian guest the pilgrimage services and the Kingdom's efforts to further improve such services.

Meanwhile, Mazni made a statement in which he hoped the visit would provide him an opportunity to get to know the system followed by Saudi Arabia in the sphere of personnel service and the civil service.

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Nazer begins Argentine visit

BUENOS AIRES, March 15 (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer arrived here from Brazil late Sunday night on a five-day official visit to Argentina.

In an arrival statement, Nazer expressed his pleasure over the visit which, he said, aims to further consolidate bilateral ties. Speaking to an Argentine television station, he said he brought with him greetings from King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd for the President and people of Argentina.

The planning minister was met at the airport by his Argentinian counterpart and Sheikh Fuad Nazer, the Kingdom's ambassador to Argentina. He was to meet with the Argentine President Monday morning, before conducting talks with his counterpart and the minister of foreign relations.

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Ali arrives in Israel to settle rift on Sinai

TEL AVIV, March 15 (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali arrived in Israel Monday hoping to resolve disputes on area of demarcation which could delay the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai next month.

Although Israel has not issued a firm ultimatum, officials have said agreement on the area of demarcation must be concluded before Sinai is handed back to Egypt. In an arrival statement, Ali said both countries should make honest, persistent efforts to stick to the Camp David peace treaty "regardless of any issues and developments that may arise in the area."

The Egyptian-Israeli peace drive, which has been rejected by the Arab world, was now entering an important phase, he added. The Egyptian Foreign Ministry said Ali

was carrying a message from President Mubarak to Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin but did not disclose the subject. With six weeks to the final Israeli evacuation from Sinai, the two countries are divided over the area of demarcation at 15 points along the 230-kms stretch from the Mediterranean to the Gulf of Aqaba.

The main problem is the southern end, where both sides claim a 600-meter coastal strip. The area, called Taba, is a tourist spot. Egyptian suggestions that the disputes be referred to international mediation or Taba be declared a neutral zone until an agreement is reached have been turned down by Israel.

Ali and Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon last week settled one of the major demarcation disputes, in the northern Sinai town of Rafah, and officials here said they were optimistic about a compromise being found in the remaining cases.

Sharon, who has taken personal command of the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai, met Ali at the airport and said he was confident the talks would lead to "further achievements". Ali's discussions start Tuesday with a meeting with Begin.

Klibi arrives in Damascus

DAMASCUS, March 15 (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi arrived in Damascus from Baghdad Sunday evening, officials said. They gave no reason for his visit.

In Beirut Sunday Klibi had talks with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis on efforts to arrange a new meeting of the Arab League Follow-up Committee on Lebanon. The league set up the committee, on which Syria is represented, to help end years of factional conflict in Lebanon. A meeting originally set for January has been postponed twice.

Uluslu visits Iraq to boost trade ties

BAGHDAD, March 15 (AP) — Turkish Premier Bulend Uluslu Monday arrived here for a three-day visit during which increased economic cooperation between the two neighboring countries is to come under discussion.

Uluslu was accompanied by 12 officials from communications, energy, foreign and industry ministries, and nine representatives of private business. The Turks would seek to increase exports to Iraq, realized at \$500 million last year, look into possibilities for new construction contracts in Iraq for Turkish firms and discuss the social rights of Turkish workers in the country, official sources said. Several Turkish companies are engaged in construction projects in Iraq totaling an estimated \$1 billion.

Uluslu's visit was considered part of an ongoing "Turkish economic offensive" in neighboring Middle East countries in search of new export markets and lucrative contracts. Last week Turkey's economic head, Deputy Premier Turgut Ozal, visited Iran for five days. The trip resulted in agreements calling for a trade volume of \$1.8 billion or more between the two countries in the current year. Sunday, Ozal went to Syria to sign an economic, commercial and technical cooperation agreement.

Turkey's head of state, Gen. Kenan Evren, will pay an official visit to Kuwait next week for similar purposes.

Iraqi diplomat in Bombay shoots Iranian student

NEW DELHI, March 15 (AFP) — An Iraqi diplomat in Bombay shot and injured an Iranian national Sunday, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported Monday.

The injured man, a student identified as Frazad Jahani, was hospitalized. The agency quoted police as saying they had reported the incident to the Indian Foreign Office here.

The incident took place at Colaba in south Bombay after a heated argument and scuffle between Iranian personnel of a restaurant and two Iraqi nationals. The agency also quoted the police as saying that the arrest of diplomat, attached to the Iraqi consulate in Bombay, was not made as he enjoyed diplomatic immunity.

Beirut French center damaged in explosion

BEIRUT, March 15 (AFP) — A bomb badly damaged the west Beirut section of the French cultural center Monday, wounding five persons — two teachers and three pupils. The bomb, estimated to have contained five kg of explosives, was placed against a wall of the villa housing the cultural center.

Serious rift in Afghan ruling party reported

ISLAMABAD, March 15 (AP) — The Karmal regime in Kabul is wracked by a serious dispute over who should hold key party posts, according to Western diplomatic sources interviewed here Monday.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said signs of a rift emerged when the ruling People's Democratic Party held its first congress in the Afghan capital Sunday to elect a 51-member party presidium. The Soviets, who have been occupying Afghanistan since December 1979, so far have managed to keep the party together but have not been able to stem the infighting, said the sources, quoting diplomatic cables from Kabul.

The PDP, which came to power in Afghanistan on April 27, 1978, is split up into two factions — the Parcham (flag) wing which has the support of President Babrak Karmal and the Khalq (people's) wing, which has the backing of the Afghan armed forces. State-owned Radio Kabul, monitored in Islamabad, said Monday that 836 delegates from across the country have converged on Kabul to attend the congress, the venue of

German minister visits Sudan

KHARTOUM, March 15 (AP) — Dr. Peter Corterier, state minister in the West German ministry of foreign affairs, arrived here Monday for a three-day visit to Sudan, it was announced.

The statement said Corterier would discuss bilateral relations with various Sudanese officials, including President Jaafar Numeiri.

"German-Sudanese relations are traditionally of good quality and marked by mutual trust," the West German ministry said. After Egypt, Sudan is the largest recipient of West German development aid in Africa.

Corterier is expected to sign three agreements on financial cooperation during his stay.

Two students hurt in Israeli shooting

TEL AVIV, March 15 (AFP) — Two students at the University of Bethlehem were wounded Monday when Israeli soldiers shot at demonstrators in Bethlehem.

The soldiers first fired tear gas, then bullets, injuring the two students. Officials at the university immediately announced its closure for a week, in protest of the Israeli soldiers' action.

Meanwhile, demonstrators assembled in St. Ir, a village five kms north of Hebron, to commemorate the death of Raddya Shaladeh, who was killed in 1976 during a demonstration against Israeli occupation of the West Bank.

Jaber, Zhivkov discuss M.E., Iran-Iraq war

KUWAIT, March 15 (R) — Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov arrived Monday for a three-day state visit to Kuwait, which has relations with the Soviet Union and its East European allies.

Zhivkov was received at the airport by Kuwait's ruler Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. The Bulgarian president's visit was expected to bring new agreements on trade and economic cooperation. Kuwaiti officials said Zhivkov and Sheikh Jaber discussed Middle East developments and the situation in the Gulf, including the Iran-Iraq war.

The official Bulgarian news agency BTA, received in Vienna, said Zhivkov was accompanied by Foreign Minister Petar Mladenov, and Deputy Prime Minister Andrei Loukanov.

Israel increases troop movement

SIDON, March 15 (R) — Israeli troops operating in the South Lebanese border strip have set up a new electronic early warning station, travelers from the area said Monday.

They also reported Israeli troops movements close to the Marjayoun gap, and there is intense activity. The 13-kms gap is the only section of the South Lebanese frontier where Palestinian commandos and Israeli troops are not separated by the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). Israeli forces have been active for years in the strip, which is nominally controlled by the right-wing militias of renegade Lebanese Army Maj. Saad Haddad.

The travelers said the new early warning station was in the Khiam area to the south-east of Marjayoun.

New probe covers Ecevit, 132 MPs

ISTANBUL, March 15 (AP) — A military prosecutor here has launched a new investigation aimed at finding "ideological links" between a radical labor group and the now-defunct Social Democrat Party of Former Premier Bulent Ecevit, sources said Monday.

Military sources, who requested anonymity, said the investigation centers on "unity of action for ideological purposes" between the Confederation of Revolutionary Trades Union (DISK) and the Social Democratic Party. The probe follows another investigation launched in Ankara last week into alleged extremist activities by members of the women's and youth branches of Ecevit's party.

The source said the scope of the investigation has been expanded to cover Ecevit himself and 132 members of parliament on

grounds they tolerated the alleged "subversive" activities of the labor union. Fifty-two top leaders of the confederation face the death penalty if convicted by a military tribunal in Istanbul on charges of "conspiracy to establish a Marxist-Leninist regime" in NATO-member Turkey.

Meanwhile, in Istanbul, the opening of a mass trial of suspected leftist militants was delayed for two hours here Monday after the discovery of 13 booby-trapped placards across the city. The placards wired to explosive devices read "death to fascist murderers."

The delay in opening the trial of suspected activists from Turkey's largest leftist movement Dev Sol (revolutionary left), was to allow for extra precautions to be introduced, sources indicated.

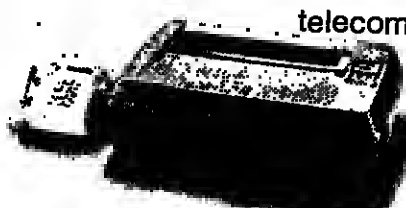
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FRANCE AND LEBANON

The French ambassador to Lebanon stated recently that an Israeli attack on South Lebanon will be considered an attack on France. This is a dramatic departure in France's policy toward the area, and it is not without significance that it comes after President Mitterrand's visit to Israel earlier this month.

Before this French declaration there was the known effort on the part of the United States to dissuade Israel from launching an attack against both the Palestinian positions in Lebanon, as well as the areas in which the Syrian forces are to be found.

Israel, as everybody knows, has been preparing for an onslaught from the beginning of this year. Yet it appears that this time round, Israel's wish is no longer the sole factor in determining the course of events. International pressure is at last beginning to tell, and there are those who will not accept that the only way forward in the Middle East is through further shedding of Palestinian and Lebanese blood.

One of the further instances of this concern has been the U.N. decision to increase its forces in the Lebanese South by 1,000 soldiers. As most of this additional force is to come from France, the French ambassador's words could soon be translated into a concrete act, as the new detachments take their position in the area.

The threat of an Israeli invasion is of course still there, and will remain until a "satisfactory outcome" is achieved in the political and economic horse-trading taking place in the background. But at least there can be no mistaking the view of the international community regarding this time.

Saudi Arabian press review

Niger's President Houssni Kountche's visit to the Kingdom, the failure of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib's mission in the Middle East and the stupid policies of Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi figured for editorial comment in Monday's newspapers.

Al-Jazirah said the Arabs will never forget the African support for the just Arab causes and the great sacrifices of the African states for achieving Arab goals. The paper hailed the heroic stance of the African states, despite their economic and financial problems, to isolate Israel.

It also lauded the distinguished role of the Kingdom toward its sister African states and in contributing to financing development projects in Africa.

The paper denounced Libyan leader Qaddafi's policies and practices in Africa. "Qaddafi's stupid policies in the Horn of Africa have prompted some African states to reconsider their relations with Israel and resume relations severed in the past few years," the paper said.

It observed that Qaddafi has greatly endangered the Afro-Arab relations "through his irresponsible acts and aggressive interventions in the internal affairs of the African states." The paper urged the Arab states to open every channel of cooperation and fraternity which had been disrupted by Qaddafi.

Okaz said King Khaled, who is the current chairman of the

Organization of Islamic Conference and President Kountche whose country will host the 13th session of the Islamic foreign ministers' conference in Naimey next June, will work out the broad guidelines for reactivating the OIC's efforts for settling the Middle East and Afghanistan problems.

On the same subject, Al-Bilad said: "President Kountche's visit to the Kingdom is a landmark on the path of strong Afro-Saudi Arabian relations."

The paper praised the Kingdom's patronage of the development process in Africa "out of its adherence to Islam and Islamic solidarity and its concern to promote relations with the Islamic states in Africa and support the Afro-Arab objectives."

Commenting on Habib's recent tour to the Middle East, Al-Riyadh disclosed that the tour had been concluded without a statement by the White House on its outcome. "This clearly indicates that the U.S. mediation efforts have failed to achieve any breakthrough," it said.

The paper described the Kingdom's presentation of an Arab peace plan for the Middle East as no final substitute for Arab initiatives. "The plan has placed the Arab nation before its historical responsibilities at a time when the Zionist enemy is trying to legitimate its occupation of Arab lands in the absence of Arab initiatives," it said. (SPA)

Reagan's military budget: too big or too small?

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials are busy defending President Reagan's military budget against charges that it is too big and from others that it is too small. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and other civilian leaders in the Pentagon have been placed in a curiously contradictory position while advocating the ambitious \$1.600 billion, five-year spending package.

They have found themselves arguing with skeptical members of Congress, sometimes in the same hearing, that a Soviet threat, as perceived here, is so great it can scarcely be exaggerated but also that it has been overblown by top U.S. military officers.

With some congressional critics demanding cuts to offset record high federal spending deficits, Weinberger has said repeatedly that meeting the Soviet threat is an urgent task that must be divorced from domestic politics. He is even seeking to declassify some of the latest intelligence about Kremlin weapons to help congressmen convince voters of the need to spend more on the military.

At the same time, Weinberger has found himself rebutting a grim appraisal by the joint chiefs of staff who hold that the Reagan budget is inadequate to meet the Soviet challenge. According to a Pentagon planning document, the military chiefs think an additional \$750 billion is needed to handle a major war with the Soviet Union. Weinberger last week dismissed the document as a "military wish list."

But Army Chief of Staff Gen. Edward Meyer told a Senate hearing: "I don't consider it a wish list if you believe the defense of the nation is important." Budget restraints made it risky to embark on the defense of Western Europe, he said.

Military planners for each of the services echoed Meyer's concern. They said Reagan's strategy guidelines required more army divisions and naval battle groups and much more than the 40 tactical jet fighter wings provided for by the administration.

A major reason for differences between the military and Weinberger is that he must also deal with political realities. His task is to persuade Congress to approve as much of the Pentagon budget request as possible at a time when it is also being asked to make further painful cuts in domestic spending.

Weinberger says the budget has been subjected to thorough scrutiny at the Pentagon and reflects the precise amount needed to meet the threat. He has tried to bolster his argument by declassifying intelligence showing that Moscow has developed a new nuclear bomber capable of hitting the United States.

When a congressman made public a secret Pentagon assessment that the Kremlin would be able to deploy laser weapons in space next year, Weinberger leapt at the opportunity. Abandoning his usual practice of declassifying information, he said the disclosure was further evidence that the budget must be approved intact.

Weinberger points to the Polish crisis in raising the prospect of countering a Soviet thrust anywhere in the world.

Other Pentagon officials have said a conventional war might last more than six months and could involve major fighting not only in Central Europe but in Norway, Iceland, the Caribbean, the Atlantic Ocean, and possibly East Asia.

The cost of preparing to carry out such commitments has led some in Congress to question Reagan's military policy. "We are not going to get more defense resources in the next five years," Senator Sam Nunn said recently. "So it seems to me we had better go back to the drawing on strategy."

Meanwhile, the assistant Republican leader in the Senate, Ted Stevens, said he was seriously considering proposing a bill to withdraw some of the 375,000 U.S. troops in Europe. Stevens and some other legislators are concerned not only about military costs but also over continuing economic ties between Western Europe and the Soviet Union.

They sympathize with the idea of a new global strategy under which the U.S. would regard itself as an island nation and concentrate on building its sea power. (R)

Madrid parley marked by bitterness, frustration

By Anthony Winning

MADRID — Delegates at the European Security Conference, adjourned on Friday for eight months, are deeply frustrated by its lack of results and constant polemics. But they still think the marathon East-West detente meeting should be kept alive.

"Hope springs eternal," chief American negotiator Max Kampelman put it, when asked about prospects for progress at the next round of negotiations, set for Nov. 9.

The Madrid meeting has been in periodic session since November 1980, reviewing how the 35 participating states have been living up to detente commitments they made seven years ago. The 35 — All European states except Albania, plus the United States and Canada — agreed on principles for East-West relations and human rights in Helsinki after the first European Security Conference in 1975.

The session in Madrid is also used to be breathing new life into detente by reaching fresh accords on disarmament, economic cooperation and human rights observance.

But their efforts have seemed doomed from the outset. When preparations for the conference began in September 1980, the atmosphere was already poisoned by the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan the previous December.

Constant Western criticism of the way East bloc participants were treating their dissidents and religious minorities further hardened positions. For Western critics the last straw was the Dec. 13 declaration of martial law in Poland.

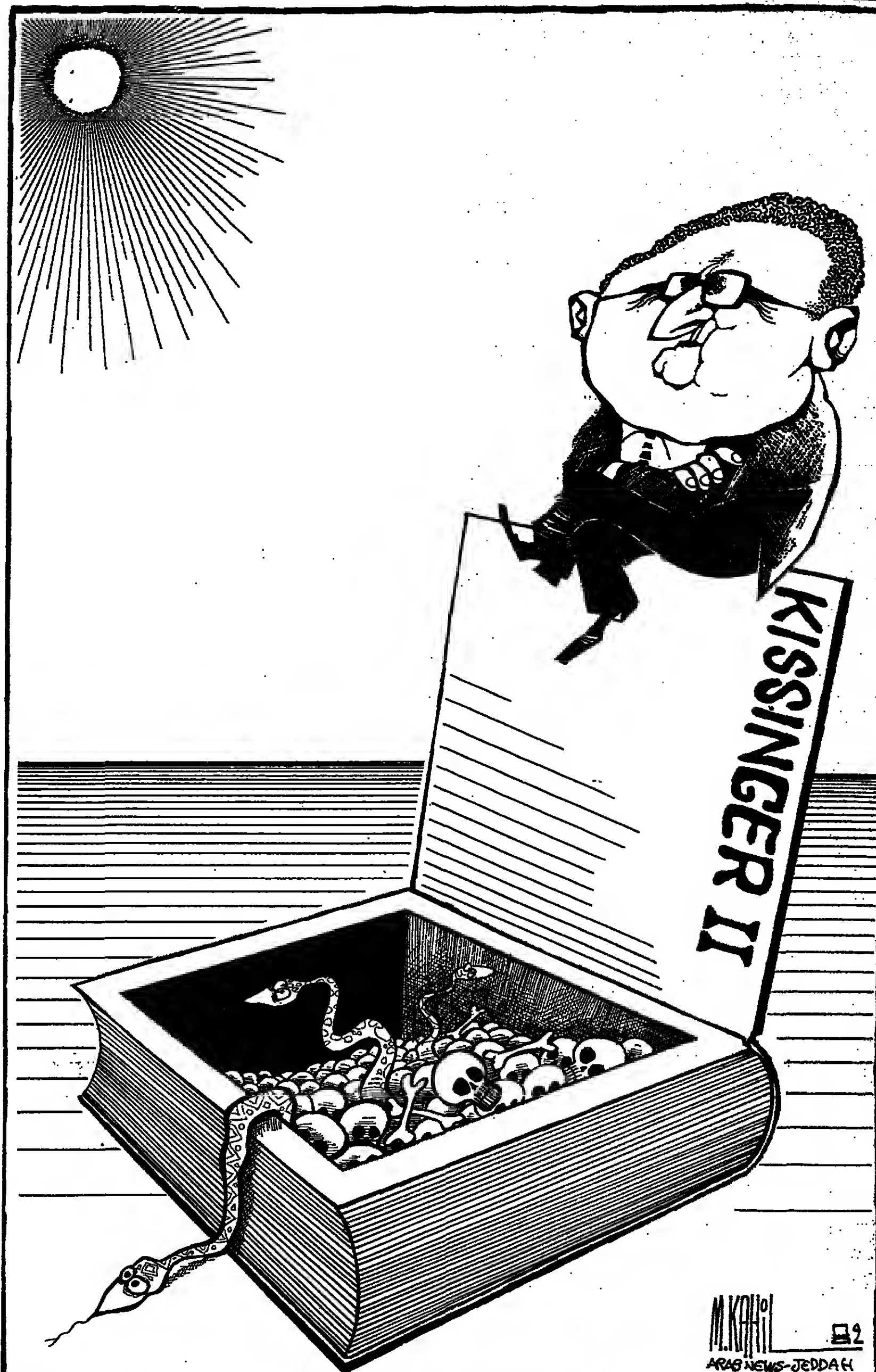
When the conference resumed last month after a New Year recess, the U.S. and its NATO allies refused to join in negotiations on new detente proposals until martial law was lifted.

On Friday, after a month of deafening Western silence in negotiating sessions and tedious polemics in plenary meetings, all sides finally accepted the inevitable and suspended the conference until next autumn. Predictably, East blamed West for the setback and vice versa, while the uncomfortable neutrals did their best to be evenhanded by blaming both.

The Soviet Union and its allies accused the United States of trying to destroy the detente process by refusing to negotiate in Madrid. The Polish crisis was a purely internal matter of no concern to the Madrid conference, and the West should stop interfering in Poland's affairs and get on with the dialogue on furthering detente, they said.

The NATO allies replied by describing martial law in Poland as a flagrant violation of the 1975 Helsinki Accords. They accused the Soviet Union of pressuring the Polish authorities into taking repressive measures and said they had no intention of getting involved in new detente accords when the old ones were being broken by the East bloc.

In a speech to Friday's final plenary session, Kampelman also poured scorn on the Soviet system of government and questioned the 1945 Yalta Agreement between the U.S., Britain and the Soviet Union. Soviet delegate Leonid Ilyichov said the statement deserved nothing but scorn, and turned down an invitation from the American official. So after all the bitterness and frustration of the



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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 16th, the 75th day of 1982. There are 290 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1521 — Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reaches Philippine Islands.

1527 — Mogul Emperor Babar defeats Hindu confederacy at Kanwaha, India.

1534 — England severs all relations with Roman Catholic Papacy.

1690 — France's Louis XIV sends troops to Ireland to fight for James II.

1851 — Spanish Concordat with Papacy whereby Catholicism becomes sole religious faith in Spain, and church gains control of education and the press.

1906 — Japan nationalizes its railways.

1934 — Rome protocols are signed between Italy, Austria and Hungary to form Danubian bloc against little entente of Czechoslovakia, Romania and Yugoslavia.

1935 — Germany repudiates disarmament clauses of Versailles Treaty ending World War I.

1945 — Japanese resistance to United States' assault on Iwo Jima in Pacific comes to end in World War II.

1965 — The Soviet Union moves toward closer economic relations with West by announcing intention to join international agreement on patents.

1975 — Government in Portugal resigns to prepare way for appointment of new cabinet that would reflect nation's sharp turn in left since previous week's abortive coup.

1978 — Italy's former Prime Minister Aldo Moro is kidnapped in Rome by left-wing guerrillas who killed five bodyguards in street ambush.

1979 — The Soviet Union vetoes U.N. Security Council draft resolution aimed at ending China's invasion of Vietnam and Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia.

1981 — Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini meets with squabbling politicians and warns that internal discord could cause nation to lose its war with Iraq.

Thought for today:
Victory belongs to the most persevering — Napoleon Bonaparte, French general-statesman (1769-1821).

A decade-old problem

U.S., Vietnam pursue 'the politics of bones'

By Denis D. Gray

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — The Americans said they came empty-handed. Nonetheless, they asked for more remains of their war dead. The Vietnamese hinted broadly that more might be forthcoming if the two nations were on friendlier terms. There were smiles and handshakes and in the end, nothing happened.

The exchange recently was yet another episode in the nearly decade-old problem of Americans missing in action (MIA) in Vietnam.

It has been an emotional, macabre and sometimes unseemly issue which some have dubbed "the politics of bones," not out of disrespect for the dead but out of distaste for the political haggling by the living.

"It's an issue that has been exploited by many people — Vietnamese and American," said U.S. congressman Ester L. Wolff during a 1979 mission to learn about MIAs.

Since the Vietnam war ended in 1975, a procession of Americans have come to Hanoi hoping for a breakthrough. There have been tough negotiators like Leonard Woodcock, then president of the United Auto Workers, American congressmen and well-briefed aides who had fought in the Vietnam war. Some of those aides had spent time in Vietnamese prisoner of war camps.

The U.S. Defense Department lists six Americans missing and 2,439 dead, their bodies not recovered.

During the first few years, the United States used the MIA as a bargaining tool. The earlier delegations told Hanoi that more remains handed over might mean American aid and trade, better political relations and the dropping of U.S. opposition to Vietnam's entry into international organizations like the United Nations. Between 1973 — when U.S. forces withdrew from Vietnam — and mid-1978, the Vietnamese turned over the remains of 70 U.S. servicemen.

But U.S.-Vietnamese relations, never very good, plummeted in late 1978 after Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia. Washington's MIA tactics began to change. With the possibility of diplomatic ties or economic aid to Vietnam seemingly out of the question, the United States could offer little or nothing in exchange for progress on the MIAs. The issue has now become the single, tenuous link between the two countries.

Vietnam has produced the remains of three Americans since mid-1978.

"The MIA question is of much importance and urgency that we must deal with it on its own merits, without linking it to any other issues," U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Armitage said recently after the latest U.S. mission to Hanoi. The

Vietnamese should help the United States on a strictly humanitarian basis, the delegation stressed.

The Vietnamese also rejected "linkage," but one foreign ministry official involved in the negotiations, Dang Nghiem Bai, told newsmen: "we have told the Americans that cooperation between our two people is a crucial factor in the accounting of the MIAs."

The Vietnamese also warned that all cooperation with the U.S. government would cease if Washington continued to use the MIA issue as a "political weapon."

The Vietnamese were referring to long-standing charges by some U.S. politicians and private MIA groups that Hanoi was purposefully withholding remains and information. The extreme of this view is that the Vietnamese maintain a warehouse of remains which are dribbled out to the United States at the most politically opportune moments.

In July 1981, Washington questioned why Hanoi had waited so long to return the remains of three U.S. servicemen who were known to have been alive at the time of their capture in North Vietnam.

Hanoi denies playing political games and says that in many cases the remains of those who died in captivity were disposed of quickly and that their burials were not documented.

American MIA groups have persistently urged the U.S. government also to investigate reports that U.S. servicemen were still alive and being held in Indochina. Over the years a number of Americans have come to Southeast Asia to follow up reported sightings of American missing still alive. Some of the would-be searchers have come with incredible stories, rescue schemes and considerable amounts of cash from MIA families and groups.

Armitage told newsmen that the U.S. Defense Department has on file about 300 live sitting reports, of which some 170 have been investigated by the department, which found "no credible evidence" of live Americans.

A 1,200-page, U.S. congressional report in late 1976 stated that no American servicemen were left alive in Southeast Asia and that at best six percent — or 150 — of those who did not return from the war could hope to be accounted for.

Both the Vietnamese and Americans say recovery of remains becomes more difficult with the passage of time. America's first MIAs date back more than 20 years, to 1961, when U.S. military advisers were operating in South Vietnam.

Tropical weather takes a terrible toll on human remains and the memories of farmers who may have seen an aircraft downed or buried an American soldier fade. There is

Cancer is eating away at the Sphinx, scientists' 'cures' causing problems

By David Lamb

GIZA, Egypt (LAT) — It has endured the wrath of nature and the indignities of man for 4,500 years, but a new scourge has caught up with the world's most famous monument in recent years. The Sphinx has cancer.

Actually, the recumbent man-beast has been in failing health for centuries. The Romans did some patchwork surgery, European expeditions did the same, later on. Alas, its condition continues to deteriorate.

The chin, which fell off long ago, is in London, and a delegation from Cairo recently flew there to say that Egypt wants it back. The beard is gone too; one section is in the British Museum, the other in the Cairo museum. Last October, a chunk of the left hindquarter dropped off, and now there is the cancer, eating away the limestone skin layer by layer.

"This is not an emergency in the sense that the head is about to fall off at any moment," Mark Lehner, one of many Sphinx "doctors" here, said, "but the statue does have very serious deterioration problems. The cancer is flaking off the outer layers so fast that on a windy day out here it sounds like potato chips blowing across a cement sidewalk."

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'L.A. six' plan to hang out

Immigrants in search of California dream?

By Pat Morrison

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — They came off the plane recently six new immigrants to the California dream. Two of them are mothers; two are their children. Two more are single guys who just left home.

During the day, they do not like to do much but sleep and feed their faces. They are more into running around at night, hanging out. Their favorite food is the leaf of a certain plant that leaves them looking a little stoned, and they freak out under stress.

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The six slept through the movie and the free meals, and were therefore according to Los Angeles Zoo Director Dr. Warren Thomas, who came back with them, "in better shape than we are."

But they did leave the wide-body cabin of the Continental airlines jet smelling a little of Koalas and the Eucalyptus leaves that are their only food.

The Koalas, zoo people were quick to point out, are not bears. They are marsupials, pouched mammals.

And yes, they are cute, as the press releases say. But no, they are not particularly cuddly. They have real claws. They do not like to be hassled. They can be "crotchety" under stress, said Melbourne Zoo veterinarian Dr. Ray Butler. And, in the words of a zoo spokeswoman, "they're really dumb."

The Koala has, in short, about the same size, weight and personality as a bag of groceries.

But life will not be demanding here. They do not have to do anything but breathe to be adorable.

"These Koalas are 'true national treasures,'" Thomas told the group, and it was Los Angeles, not the animals, that had to pass

U.S. blacks faced with discrimination

WASHINGTON, (APF) — American blacks have been forsaking farming in such numbers during the past six decades that if the trend continues whites will have a virtual monopoly of agriculture in the United States by the end of the century. Such is the conclusion of a report just published by the American Human Rights Commission, which advances statistics to show that the black population engaged in agriculture has shrunk by 94 percent since 1920. Their numbers then were 926,000, official figures indicate, compared with today's total of 57,271.

Certainly the majority white farming population in the same period has suffered a corresponding shrinkage, but on nothing like the same scale: 2.4 million today compared with 5.5 million in 1920.

Some 85 percent of black land workers are concentrated in the southern states. Their ancestors, emancipated when these states lost the secession fought to maintain slavery after it was proscribed by Abraham Lincoln's administration, nevertheless remained in economic bondage.

More than 90 percent of them illiterate, the freed slaves were left masterless and homeless, with little more than the clothes they stood in.

A few among them possessed the minimum of simple implements needed to till the soil and even fewer owned a little livestock.

There had been plans in Washington to allot landholdings to the slaves after the Civil War, but the scheme came to nothing.

Most of the southern slaves went back to work for white masters as sharecroppers — tenant farmers who, in exchange for working the land and receiving a share of the crop, were staked by the landowner with credit for tools, living quarters, and food.

Much of the sharecropping was on cotton plantations, a sector which suffered heavily when crops were blasted by the anthrax grub and when European markets closed their doors to the commodity after World War I.

Nor have black farmers been able to better their lot by the normal process of expansion. According to statistics, the average spread worked by a black sharecropper is 50 hectares (123.5 acres) compared with 175 hectares (432 acres) by white sharecroppers in comparable circumstances.

Fear grips Salvadorans, they leave

By Joan Ambrose-Newton

SAN SALVADOR (R) — A group of nervous women stand outside the U.S. Embassy, hoping for visas which will enable them to leave their violence-stricken homeland. "I'm afraid to go up to the gate and ask for the necessary visa forms," one woman said as she clutched her small black purse, her eyes darting to and fro.

Speaking barely above a whisper, she said she was afraid of what was happening in El Salvador, where about 30,000 people have been reported killed in the past two years. She said many of her friends had left for Miami or Los Angeles. She wanted to follow them but would be sorry to leave El Salvador.

"I want to stay in my country. This is a very beautiful country, but I am afraid of what could happen to me if I stay," she said, echoing the sentiments of most of the group. Some 5,000 guerrillas are fighting the El Salvador government in an undeclared civil war.

U.S. Embassy officials said visa applications had increased steeply in the past two years. Last year alone, 43,786 visa applications were received but 11,753 were rejected because the applicants did not provide sufficient proof of their intent to return to El Salvador. No figures for 1980 were available.

In addition, 8,688 applicants applied for emigrant visas but only 5,445 were granted permission to settle in the U.S. There are no reliable statistics on how many Salvadorans have fled abroad as illegal immigrants but some human rights groups and government officials put the total at about 300,000 in the past two years. Many travel illegally to Mexico, a jumping off point to the United States. Others find their way to neighboring Central American countries. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees estimates the number of Salvadorans in Mexico at between 70,000 and 140,000. Applications for U.S. visas take anywhere from three to six months to process, but before Salvadorans can apply, they need valid passports.

To apply for their passports, hundreds of Salvadorans queue daily at the emigration office hours before opening time. Normally, it takes from five to 10 days to get a passport which costs \$10. But applicants say those with friends working in the office can get a passport in a day. Those with money can get their passports from travel agencies for a fee of \$100.

Despite government denials, many passport applicants assert they have been told they will not get their passports until after the March 28 constituent assembly elections. "They want to keep us in the country to force us to vote," one woman said.

The elections, seen by the U.S.-backed ruling civilian military junta as the first step in ending violence, are being boycotted by the leftist guerrillas and their supporters who have vowed to wreck the voting. Asked if she planned to vote, the woman said: "I don't know... I think it will be worth it. But if I get my passport and visa today, I plan to leave immediately."

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Despite warning from psychologists, 'Daddy-cated' fathers ignore the 'gap'

By Y. Tahir

JEDDAH — The term "the generation-gap" is quite recent in its origin. Very few people understand what it means; and there seems to be no agreement even amongst those few who know. Despite this, it has been so widely publicized and popularized by psychologists, sociologists and many others in related or unrelated fields, that it has made an impact on modern consciousness.

Our fathers, of course, were blissfully unaware of any such gap existing between them and our generation. Although the psychological concepts about child-rearing had been formulated in their time, our guardians attached no more importance to them than they deserved. If any situation arose that threatened to create a generation gap, they handled it with rather roughshod but more practical methods. They didn't have to worry about the psychological niceties concerning their children.

Countless generations have come and gone before us; the younger generation becoming older without creating any rift or gap. But this

smooth transition no longer seems possible. We have been acutely made conscious of the gap in generations. Things appear to change much faster and more drastically now than they used to in the days of yore. A "Daddy-cated" father may ignore the generation gap but at his own peril.

This gap starts manifesting itself right from the moment of a child's birth and continues until the child becomes a representative of the older generation. At what precise moment an individual crosses the boundary between the generations is not easy to determine. Some persons might remain on the younger side for years and years without feeling any loss.

Notwithstanding divergent views for or against the generation gap, the fact remains that the differences between the parents and children do exist, but of course, it would be simplistic to deny their mutual love. Call these small differences the generation gap if you will.

Recent research proves that 97.654 per cent of these figures are based upon hearsay.

infants are born between 1:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. That certainly is not a very convenient time to do all the running about, after a particularly long and hard working day. Another survey (again hearsay is the main source) shows that fewer babies are born over the weekends than on other days. Although the pattern of births has held constant over the ages, it can now be said with authority (with the help of another study) that 100 percent of babies cry at the time of birth. Obviously few babies like this transformation, at least in the first moments.

From the moment a new-born is taken home, it starts following its own routine of life which is often at variance with the rest of the household. Just when you think it's time to turn in, the baby starts crying with "full-throated ease!" and knows no stopping. Its "beauty sleep" over, it takes revenge for having been disturbed by the noises in the house throughout the day. Though the two generations share the same environment and breathe the same air, they are worlds apart. Most annoying, perhaps, of all the habits of a child is his insistence upon getting immedi-

ate satisfaction for his whims. A child can't understand or accept delay (like some of his counterparts on the other side of the gap). Child-psychologists (are they children?) may tell you what they like, but nothing short of a hearty smack on the back will bring the child to his senses again.

And then the problem with toys. The parents who try to thrust the toys of their own choosing on their children are sorely disappointed when the kids choose something quite different. And then, some of the modern toys are so sophisticated and advanced that only a child can understand them. Though few of us would be ready to admit it, the fact is that there is a child in every grown up person, which comes to the fore only in the presence of other children.

If you try to plead with your child that you can't afford to buy his favorite toy at the moment, you're confronted with this reply. "But there is a lot of money in your pocket!" What can you do if your pocket has been picked, as it were. You can't argue with a child that all the currency notes you have, are marked with their respective destinations.

It is quite incomprehensible why a child should prefer to play with the wrist-watch of his father rather than with his own toys. The pens, books, magazines and the few other belongings of "daddy" are the special objects for the destructive attentions of most kids. Don't be surprised if the pens or pipes are found to have been damaged "beyond local repair." The remedy: buy cheaper but in greater quantities, and ask no questions.

Areas of difference between parents and children are many. Quite often the kids embarrass their parents by quoting their words and opinions, to visitors. The auntie doesn't feel edified in learning what her hosts have to say about her. Many a friendship is made and unmade between the grown ups because of the children.

The days when the little ones used to go to bed soon after dinner seem to belong to a long forgotten past. Try telling any five-year old at 10 p.m. to go to sleep and you hear, "Well, and why don't you?" If you have a satisfactory answer to this, do let us know!

Clothes are a common source of tension between the "darling daughters" and their

imperious mothers. Ladies, used as they are to dictating to their husbands, expect the same obedience from these "little fairies". It is not rare to find a mother lose her temper, because the young lady, a four-year old, insists on wearing the frock of her own choice. The entreaty, "Look darling, auntie has seen you in this dress many times!" is completely wasted. "But I like it! I like it! I'll wear nothing but this!" comes the passionate reply, the sincere sentiments of which cannot be doubted.

The mothers who can keep their dressing tables and cabinets safe from the ravaging hands of the children, are really few. It is a constant struggle in the house to keep the things safe from the encroaching hands of the children and to keep the children "safe", particularly from electrical appliances.

Despite the many problems, difficulties and differences with the kids, and despite the generation gap, no matter how wide it is, the world would be a dreary place to live in without the shoutings and laughter of the kids. Their naughty looks and small, little tricks really turn life into the blessing it is.

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Dear Mr. C.: In some cases it seems to have been successful. Taking tranquilizers before the polygraph test has confused the interpretation. Nevertheless, in most cases, professional polygraphers say they can separate the innocent from the guilty.

Dear Doctors: Is it possible I may be suffering from migraine? I get headaches as often as three to four times a week. I thought migraine attacked only once or twice a year. — Mr. F.

Dear Mr. F.: Duration and frequency of migraine headaches vary. In some patients the headaches last only a day; in others days or longer. But in severe cases some patients have these headaches three or four times weekly. At least 10 million Americans suffer from migraine — more women than men.

Reason for the onset of headache is not always known. But some common precipitating factors are stress, smoking, drinking and allergic reactions. Better leave the diagnosis and treatment to your doctor, Mr. F.

For Mrs. K.: Don't let the fear of obesity keep you from having sufficient nourishment while you are pregnant. As a nursing mother you'll need at least 500 to 800 more calories than usual. Your obstetrician will plan a diet that also contains sufficient minerals and vitamins.

For Mr. P.: Your wife's relief from pain during pregnancy is not unusual in rheumatoid arthritis patients. Unfortunately, the discomfort returns 6 to 8 weeks after the baby is born. Doctors are still looking for the reason why something during pregnancy decreases the inflammation in the joints.

For Mrs. Z.: Excess calorie intake and less than normal amount of daily exercise combine to put on that extra weight you complain about.

Eating mostly carbohydrates and proteins rather than fats won't help much — even though proteins and carbohydrates provide less than half the calories of fat.

For Mr. B.: Your wife's deep depression after the death of her father should not be overlooked. Especially since she has hinted lately about committing suicide.

Don't wait for time to heal. There have been many suicides in similar circumstances. To play it safe, better have your family doctor ask for psychiatric consultation.

For Mrs. B.: Why not try to remove all cholesterol from the blood rather than just lower it? Because that would be impossible. Besides, cholesterol is not only a part of the blood, but it's an essential part of the body's cells. We could starve ourselves, but the liver, for example, would keep on producing cholesterol, essential for good health.

TOMORROW: The No-No's: visiting the doctor

Confrontation is avoided 'Risk assessment' system proposed to measure effect of food chemicals

WASHINGTON, (WP) — The Food Safety Council recently proposed an innovative system of "risk assessment" to measure the safety of American food from possible cancer-causing agents.

The proposal, aimed at preventing the bitter battles that have raged over nitrates, saccharin and other substances, was approved both by food industry and consumer groups. The council is a group financed by the food industry to bring industry and other interests together in a common approach to food safety.

"What we have tried to do, (with) some success, we think," is move away from confrontation toward "a more open process" of safety testing, said Adolph S. Claus, a vice president of General Food Corp. and chairman of the council's board of trustees.

The system will utilize a three to four-year series of scientific laboratory and animal tests that questionable additives or substances must pass. A substance such as saccharin, for example, would be tested in human cells for adverse results that might lead to cancer or birth defects.

If these tests clearly show harmful effects, the substance might be declared unsafe without further testing. If the results are uncertain, there might be further laboratory tests and, ultimately, tests on animals.

It was approved by a 29-to-2 vote of the trustees, a body with about an equal number of industry and "public" representatives.

The public-sector representatives include James Turner, one of the original "Nader's raiders" Dr. Marvin Schneiderman, a former National Cancer Institute official who has emphasized the dangers of cancer-causing substances in industry; and Dr. Juhaana Dwyer, director of the Frances Stern Nutrition Center at Tufts University.

Turner's 1970 book, *The Chemical Feast*, criticized the food industry and Food and Drug Administration for allowing dangerous substances to enter the food supply.

He said recently that he thinks the council has now "set out a set of general principles" that, if followed should make the food supply as safe as possible.

That view is not unanimous among consumer advocates. Two consumer-oriented nutritional groups, the Community Nutrition Institute and the Center for Science in the Public Interest, did not participate in the council's efforts, despite invitations to do so, according to council officials.

One of the council's "no" votes came from Dr. Joseph Highland, a Princeton University biochemist who represented the Environmental Defense Fund. He said one of the "decision trees" or series of possible steps in

the test system might let some potential cancer-causing substances slip by.

Turner said he agrees and believes there will be a change in the final report that will win Highland's approval.

In the last decade there have been battles over a host of food chemicals and additives: the nitrates in preserved meats, caffeine in soft drinks, red dyes, sweeteners such as saccharin, and antibiotics and hormones added to animal feed that leave residues in the meat.

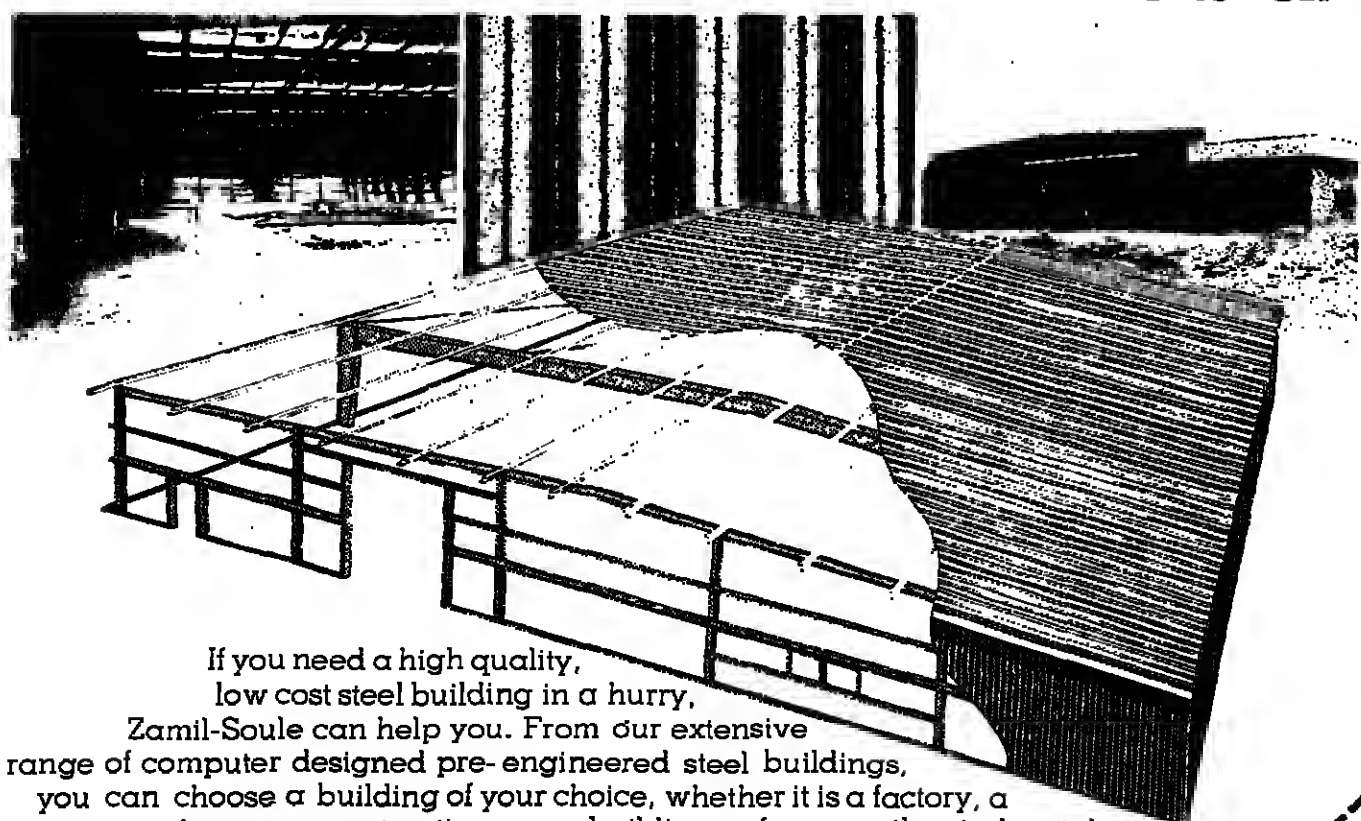
The food industry wants Congress to change or modify the food law known as the "Delaney clause." It requires a ban on any additive that causes cancers in man or test animals, no matter how infrequent the cancers or how otherwise valuable it is.

The Food Safety Council's test system would require a considered scientific judgment that a substance should have "no significant adverse effect."

Such judgments, often using mathematical models of probable effect, would have to be made repeatedly as a substance moved through the system, undergoing what might often be test after test for possible cancer-causing or genetic effects or effects on fetuses.

"At many points," Claus said, there would be invitations for public participation and comment.

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Japan group favors revision of treaty with U.S. on defense

TOKYO, March 15 (AP) — A committee comprising key figures of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and opinion makers in academia and business, announced Monday it will shortly seek a total revision of the U.S.-Japan security treaty for a Japanese defense role equal to that of the United States.

The 182-member committee for establishing an equitable alliance between Japan and the United States issued a declaration calling for an overhaul of the existing treaty in a mutual defense pact reflecting a "bill and equal partnership." As it stands now, the security treaty — which was signed in 1952 and amended in 1960 — leaves the burden of Japanese defense to the United States, making Japan a U.S. protectorate, the declaration said.

The committee, which counts former Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi among its members, was formed at the initiative of the former ambassador to the United Nations, Toshiaki Kase, the former vice minister for foreign affairs, Shinsaku Hogen, and former Gakushuin University professor, Ikutaro Shimizu.

Another key member, Minori Genda, LDP director of national defense, gained fame as the man who directed Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor in World War II. The group's existence was first revealed in congressional hearings in Washington last Tuesday by Isaac Shapiro, former president of the U.S.-Japan Association, a non-partisan study group.

Calling the group's stance "hawkish," an opposition spokesman charged the declaration was part of a "lean-to-the-right" phenomenon in the LDP that could only lead to Japan's eventual stockpiling of nuclear weapons. "We will fight against any attempts to revise the security treaty," said Takahiro Yokomichi, chairman of the Japan Socialist Party's committee on U.S.-Japan relations. "Moreover, we are for eventual nullification of the treaty."

The committee, which also comprises 58 LDP parliamentarians, cited a global shift in the balance of power, the "thinning out" of the U.S. Seventh Fleet and a dramatic increase in Japan's GNP as reasons for wanting the change. Singling out the Soviet Union's "steady expansion" of military power as a "growing menace," the declaration said it is vital that Japan actively defend its sea lanes from the Middle East.

Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki already has ruled out any possibility of his government seeking a revision of the 30-year-old treaty while he holds office.

Committee organizer Kase, who is regarded as an ideological leader, told reporters Monday that the committee's goals are long-term.

Brazil starts N-power generation

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 15 (AP) — Brazil officially joined the ranks of the world's nuclear-powered this weekend — but without the boldness and confidence that once caused the United States concern.

The nation's first nuclear power station called Angra I began generating small amounts of energy Saturday night. The start-up came after five years of delays and cost overruns and amid new questions about potential radiation hazards.

The inauguration of Angra I located on a tropical beach about 90 miles west of Rio, was without the fanfare and official publicity usually given the opening of showcase development projects by the military-controlled government.

"Angra I will operate initially at only 5 percent capacity," said Tullio Baptista Teixeira, the chief spokesman for a government electricity company called Furnas, which round the plans.

During the last decade, the project had led to concern about Brazil becoming a Nuclear force, Brazil, Latin America's largest country and not a signer of the international treaty on

the nonproliferation of nuclear weapons, had announced highly ambitious atomic energy development plans.

The United States balked at Brazil's refusal to sign the treaty and also at a 1975 Brazil-West German pact for additional Angra reactors that promised to give Brazil access to technology that could be used to construct nuclear weapons.

The Angra I reactor was built by Westinghouse Co. on a "turnkey" basis. This means the Americans simply would present the Brazilians with a finished, working reactor, without giving them any of the sophisticated technology that went into it.

Because of this, Brazil — over the strong objections of the Nixon and Carter administrations — sought out another nuclear supplier that would be willing to give it technology along with the physical equipment.

Brazil, which is the 19th nation to use nuclear power, has trimmed its initial plans for construction of eight German-designed reactors, and the American-built reactor will move toward full capacity slowly.

Dust storms circle Venus, probe reveals

MOSCOW, March 15 (R) — Venus is enveloped in swirling dust storms moving at more than 200 miles an hour (320 kph), according to the findings of two Soviet space probes which landed there this month, Radio Moscow said Monday.

Data from the two craft *Venus-13* and *Venus-14* had shown that the turbulence began in the upper atmosphere because of the effect of intense heat from solar radiation, the report said.

The powerful winds which resulted then fixed with dust particles to produce swirling storms which circled Venus at 60 times the planet's own speed of rotation.

The dust storms acted as an atmospheric shield and were partly responsible for the intense heat on the surface of the planet, the report added. The two Soviet space probes sent back detailed information about Venus including the first color pictures of the planet's surface.

Republicans end policy conference

EASTON, Maryland, March 15 (R) — United States Republican federal and state office holders ended a three-day policy conference here Sunday with a flurry of amendments designed to show their party is responsive to social problems.

They did not break with any traditional party viewpoints but younger Republican office holders were clearly trying to counter criticism that President Ronald Reagan was insensitive to issues affecting women, ethnic minorities and the poor.

Delegates to the fifth annual Tidewater conference approved resolutions recognizing the specific problems of black Americans, urging greater federal efforts to enforce civil rights laws, and citing equal educational and job training opportunities as a high party priority.

Indonesia shops gutted

JAKARTA, March 15 (AP) — Some 3,500 persons were made homeless when fire destroyed 300 shops in a residential area in the town of Simulu on the Indian Ocean island of Sumatra, police said Monday. The fast-moving blaze occurred Saturday and destroyed hundreds of tons of clothes, a local crop.

No casualties were reported, a police spokesman said, adding that the cause of the fire is still under investigation. Simulu is about 420 kms west of the north Sumatra city of Banda Aceh.

After bomb explosion

Londoners rally to protest apartheid

LONDON, March 15 (AFP) — A planned demonstration against South Africa's apartheid policy attracted several thousand people here Sunday shortly after a bomb explosion had wrecked the London headquarters of the African National Congress, the main movement of unofficial opposition to the South African government.

The explosion, caused by a 5-kg bomb planted behind the three-story building in Islington, north London, caused extensive damage but no casualties, police said. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

British Labor opposition leader Michael Foot and Labor left-winger Tony Benn later addressed anti-apartheid demonstrators here, estimated to number some 110,000 according to organizers, and about 7,000 according to police. The chairman of the British anti-Apartheid Movement, Labor MP Bob Hughes, read out a message from former English cricket captain Ian Botham who refused to play in the current official cricket series in South Africa.

In Johannesburg, meanwhile, South African Prime Minister P.W. Botha Sunday outlined proposals for constitutional reforms introducing power sharing between whites, colored (mixed race) and Indian populations.

In an interview with South African radio and television, Botha stressed that the white population's rights to self-determination would be protected and South Africa would never subscribe to Communism. Prosperity, progress and economic stability in the country were dependent on a just and fair treatment of the peoples of South Africa, he said.

Speaking of current problems within the ruling National Party, following the recent

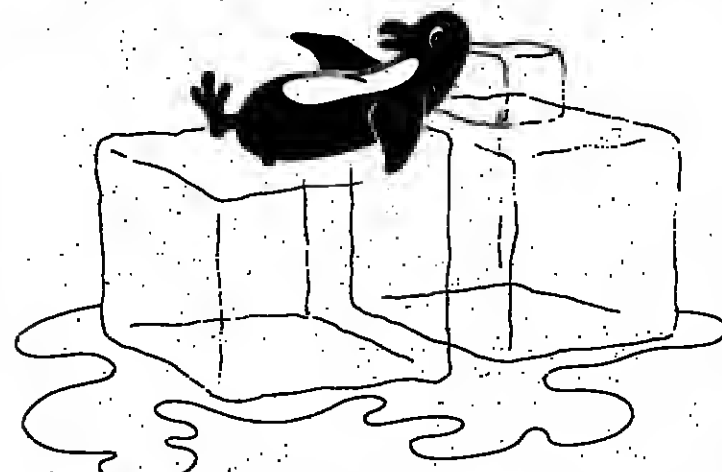
defection of 16 right-wing MPs led by former State Administration Minister Andries Treurnicht, Botha said this would not affect his government's policies.

Botha said he did not understand the reason for the MPs' defection as there had been no change in government policy since 1977, when he first mentioned the possibility

of power sharing between whites and colored in South Africa. He added that he preferred to speak of co-responsibility rather than power-sharing.

The prime minister has not ruled out the possibility of holding a referendum on power-sharing with both whites and colored taking part in the vote.

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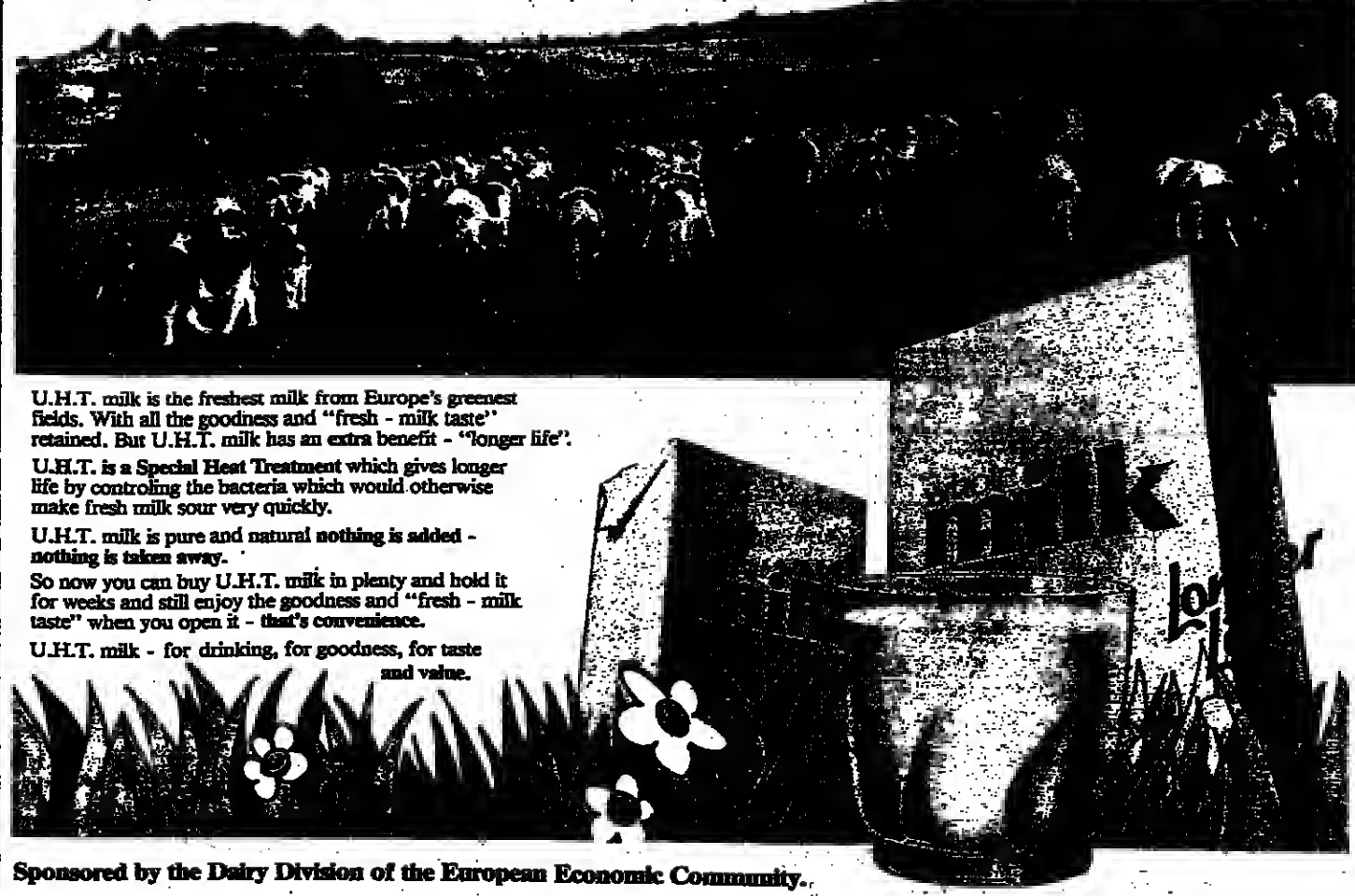
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Sees upturn in economy

Reagan's aide says recession nears end

WASHINGTON, March 15 (R) — The Reagan administration's top economic adviser said the U.S. recession was nearing an end and predicted an upturn in the nation's economy in the next three months.

Murray Weidenbaum, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, also said the United States would not face double-digit inflation so long as the Federal Reserve Board, the U.S. central bank, maintained its tight monetary policy.

Weidenbaum, speaking in an interview on U.S. television, said: "The recession is just about at its bottom. I think the next turn in the economy will be upward...in the April, May, June quarter of this year."

But Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts said in a separate television interview that the economy was in major difficulty because of Reagan's policies. The car, steel and housing industries were in a depression and there were recessionary pressures in most other sectors, he added. Inflation in the United States is currently running at more than eight percent.

Weidenbaum said a decline in wholesale prices last month represented a real drop in inflation to which President Reagan's policies

had contributed.

"The escalating double-digit inflation that characterized the economy when this administration took office is behind us and will stay behind us as long as the monetary fiscal restraint effort continues," he said.

Unemployment, 8.8 percent last month, would peak at nine percent, he added. Some administration officials have predicted the peak could be closer to 10 percent.

Senator Kennedy accused Reagan of accepting high unemployment in order to lower the inflation rate.

"His economic policy is totally unacceptable. We have record interest rates, record unemployment, record deficits. It is important to start taking the steps necessary to put the economy back on track," he said.

Senator Kennedy said the president would have to indicate willingness to make some compromises with Congress on his proposed 1983 budget with its record deficit of almost \$100 billion. Reagan is going ahead with an economic program of large tax and spending cuts despite opposition from Congress.

Polish debt accord set next month

FRANKFURT, March 15 (AFP) — Signing of an agreement for rescheduling Polish debt to private Western banks is expected to take place April 6, banking sources said here Monday.

An agreement was earlier to have been signed March 4 at the offices of Dresdner Bank in Frankfurt.

The sum concerned is \$2,400 million unguaranteed loans granted to Poland by 501 Western banks. This money should have been reimbursed during the final quarter of last year.

The 501 banks have insisted that the interest be paid on 1981 unguaranteed debt before the rescheduling deal, concluded on Dec. 4, is signed. Poland is estimated to be behind payment of some \$20 million.

On March 4 the 20 banks making up a "task force" representing the 501 banks decided to grant a "grace period" ending March 31 for the settling of outstanding 1981 interest.

Arab banks make giant strides

SINGAPORE, March 15 (Depthnews) — Arab banks are prospering and are becoming an important force in the international financial market. An indication of their growth is the increasing volume of market lending led by Arab banks, even if the market has been declining.

Last year, Arab-led banks accounted for 26.5 percent of the total market lending of \$90.3 billion. In 1980, their share was 10.3 percent of the \$77.4 billion total. But since syndicated lending is only one part of international lending, the share of the Arab banks may actually be smaller, said Alexander E. Fleming, a World Bank official.

In a study published in the *IMF Survey*, Fleming said that the growth of Arab banks has efficiently recycled surplus petrodollars back to the developing countries. About half of the 1981 loans by Arab banks went to developing oil-importing countries; the rest went to the industrialized nations.

"The recent growth of these banks has been quite remarkable," said Fleming. Most of these banks are less than ten years old and many of them are small compared to Western banks.

The 50 largest Arab banks have \$152.8 billion worth of assets. Only 17 Arab banks

are included in the list of the top 500 banks in the world. By way of comparison, Citicorp — the world's largest — has assets worth \$110 billion which is greater than the assets of 20 Arab banks combined.

The largest banks are those that were established in the 1960s, including those from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Algeria. Examples are the Banque Nationale d'Algerie, established in 1966 with \$6.3 billion in assets and the Commercial Bank of Kuwait established in 1961 with assets of \$5.1 billion.

Most of the Arab banks, however, were established only in the 1970s as money rolled in because of the oil price increases. Banks established during this period are also among the fastest growing like the Gulf International Bank whose assets doubled to \$2.9 billion in one year.

Most Arab banks have not been direct recipients of large volumes of funds from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. As it is, Arab banks have generally sought funding from a range of depositors and have also tapped the interbank money markets.

These banks operate mainly in the Middle East, Paris and London. Fleming said, however, that these banks are seeking to expand their operations to Singapore and New York.

India building firm to set up Gulf branches

KUWAIT, March 15 — The Indian Overseas Construction Consortium has now decided to form a chain of subsidiaries in Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. Their intention is to team up with resourceful and dynamic Arab establishment who have traditional links with Indian subcontinent. IOCC has already signed an agreement in Kuwait with Sheikh Muhammad Sulaiman Al Sabha, to form a joint venture company in Kuwait.

IOCC though formed recently have made rapid strides in promoting Indian construction expertise to the Middle East. The group is now engaged in a \$200 million project in Iraq and at present, is tipped to sign a \$180 million contract in Saudi Arabia. They are also negotiating several other projects like \$400 million contract in the UAE, \$200 million in Libya and \$500 million in Iraq.

IOCC is also contemplating to impart an orientation program for medium/small scale construction companies who have no exposure yet to the Middle East. In co-ordination with Central Builders Association, New Delhi, a group of executives from selected companies will be invited by IOCC to get familiar with the Middle East costing and construction techniques.

ITC may impose tin export curbs

LONDON, March 15 (AFP) — The International Tin Council will hold another emergency meeting Friday to examine the possibility of introducing export controls, it was announced here Monday. This will be the second emergency council meeting in two weeks.

The prime consideration of council members will be to examine the situation of the buffer stock as the manager has been buying heavily since the end of February to defend the "floor" price under the international agreement.

Producers are known to be keen for export controls to be introduced as quickly as possible. Consumers, anxious to preserve facility of supplies and avoid sharply higher prices, refused to agree to them here last week. But over the past few days buffer stock buying in London and Penang is said to have been heavy, and in view of this more funds may be required, delegate sources said. Consumers and producers will be holding separate meetings Thursday.

Sidmar stands firm amidst the steel ruins

GHENT, March 15 (R1) — As the old steel industry of Belgium's depressed Walloon area struggles to survive, a modern steel plant in the more prosperous north of the country is illustrating that steel production can still be profitable.

Recently described by the European Economic Community (EEC) Commission as one of the most viable steel plants in Europe, Sidmar presents a stark contrast with the sprawling and often old-fashioned plants of Cockerill-Sambre in Wallonia.

Sidmar, in which Luxembourg steel giant Arbed has a 63 percent stake, began production just 15 years ago, and its site occupies a compact 1,000 hectares (2,470 acres).

By contrast, the steel industry in Wallonia was set up more than 100 years ago and the plants of Cockerill-Sambre, which have been losing about \$25 million a month, stretch over some 150 kilometers (95 miles). "Flemish steel is the steel of the future in Belgium. All the advantages are here," Alphonse Helfen, managing director of Sidmar, told Reuters in an interview.

In its 15 years of activity, Sidmar has shown a loss only in 1975, a year in which all

steel companies were hit by a sudden recession in the market. Despite a continuing crisis which has in recent years inflicted crippling losses on the bulk of EEC steel companies, Sidmar has managed to stay consistently in the black. "We have a highly efficient organization, fine workers, an ideal site, and some of the most modern equipment in Europe. That has led to success," Helfen said.

While big, old steel industries in the EEC, like those of Wallonia or of British Steel, have had to close outdated plants and attempt to modernize in order to survive, Sidmar has been well placed to ride out recession. Profit in 1980, the last year for which final figures were available, was small — just \$250,000. But this was still an unusual achievement in a year described by EEC Industry Commissioner Etienne Davignon as one of the worst in the history of the community steel industry. In 1980, the year the commission imposed emergency output cuts on steel firms, Cockerill-Sambre lost \$160 million.

In 1979, another difficult year for the EEC steel industry, Sidmar profits were about \$17 million. The company, in which the Belgian state is the next largest shareholder after Arbed with a 22 percent share, has a coastal site affording marked advantages in terms of access to raw materials and transport over a company like Cockerill-Sambre.

Sidmar was built at a time when it had become clear that a coastal location was generally preferable to the traditionally inland sites of steel companies, formerly constructed close to limited iron ore and coal deposits.

Sidmar, which employs about 6,500 people compared to the approximately 25,000 at Cockerill-Sambre, gets much of its coal and iron ore from South America, where Arbed has big interests.

This is generally brought to the site in ships which sail up the Ghent-Terneuzen canal linking Sidmar to the North Sea. The plant also has excellent road and rail links.

The continuing strong performance of Sidmar has led to some misgivings in the company over planned investments — largely state funded — at Cockerill-Sambre, but officials are generally cautious not to fan the rivalry between Flanders and Wallonia.

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Dependence on Iraq reduced

Syria, Iran strike oil agreement

LONDON, March 15 (R) — Syria and Iran reached preliminary agreement on Iranian oil sale to meet the needs of Syria's two refineries, Tehran radio has reported.

This appeared to mark a major switch by Syria, which has previously relied heavily on Iraq for its oil imports. Syria produces a heavy crude oil and relies on imports to meet its oil needs. Tehran radio, monitored in London, said Sunday that the preliminary accord was reached during the three-hour talks between the Syrian and Iranian oil ministers.

It was not immediately clear how the Syrian oil accord with Iran might affect the oil sales of Iraq, which has been at war with Iran for the last 19 months. Since the war closed its Gulf oil terminals, Iraq has been forced to depend for its oil exports on two pipelines to the Mediterranean, one of which crosses Syria. The other goes through Turkey and a spur of the line crosses Lebanon.

The pipeline has been the cause of a long-running dispute between Iraq and Syria over

transit dues. Both Iraq and Iran have been seeking to boost their oil imports since the Gulf war caused a slump in sales. Iran had undercut the oil price of the rest of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries by \$4 a barrel.

Market analysts estimated that neither country was exporting more than about one million barrels a day. This compared with a combined total for both countries of nearly five million tons before the Gulf war.

Economists said Monday the agreement for Iran to sell oil to Syria will lessen Syria's dependence on Iraq at a time of particularly bad relations between Damascus and Baghdad.

One economist said: "It will reduce Syria's dependence on Iraq, but it will not reduce Iraq's dependence on Syria."

Syrian Oil Minister Abdul-Jabbar Al-Dahhak said recently that the 'throughput was about 300,000 barrels per day, of which about one third was for Syrian domestic requirements. Economic experts said it

looked as if this latter quantity would go with the rest for export at the Baniyas terminal, with Iran making good Syria's import needs.

There has been no indication so far of any closure of the Baniyas pipeline, which resumed operations in 1979, following a short-lived improvement in Syrian-Iraqi relations. Syria collects transit dues from Iraq on the oil pumped across its territory.

Syria itself produces about 180,000 barrels per day, but this is of a heavy variety with a high sulphur content. Consequently Syria exports part of it, and has until now imported its light crude requirements from Iraq. Syria has oil refineries at Baniyas and at Homs, north of Damascus.

Iraq has been trying to diversify its oil outlets. Last week Oil Minister Tayeb Abdul Karim said Iraq and Kuwait had agreed to install a pipeline from the Iraqi to the Kuwaiti coasts, and negotiations are also under way between Iraq and Saudi Arabia to lease a pipeline network from Iraq to the Red Sea.

Volcanic power fuels industrial growth

SHASHEMANNE, Ethiopia, March 15 (ONS) Volcanic energy from the Great Rift Valley is beginning to fuel industrial progress in power-starved African countries.

The Rift Valley, a gigantic geological gash that can be seen from space, is riddled with massive rock faults lying close to the hot volcanic strata. There are regular eruptions from belching volcanoes, and hissing vents of steam and boiling water spout from blow-holes.

The Rift enters the African continent at the Red Sea near Djibouti and passes through 12 countries — Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique.

EEC debates EMS reform

BRUSSELS, March 15 (AFP) — West German Finance Minister Hans Matthöffer Monday urged caution over European Commission proposals to reinforce the European Monetary System (EMS), European Economic Community sources said here.

At a meeting of EEC finance ministers, Matthöffer stressed the need instead for EEC countries to give priority to coordinating their economic policies concerning inflation, budget deficits and trade balances. The sources said French Finance Minister Jacques Delors took a stronger stand in favor of EMS improvements, but no decisions on the matter were expected Monday. While, speaking on the third anniversary of the EMS, Matthöffer advocated a step-by-step approach in developing the system, including a strengthening of the utility of the European Currency Unit (ECU).

He said there appeared to be accord within the EEC on commission proposals that higher interest rates should be paid on ECU deposits held by central banks, that banking

With the soaring cost of imported fuel seriously damaging their economies, several African states are looking for other sources of energy, and the geothermal steam vents look the most promising. Prospects seem best in Ethiopia and in neighboring Kenya, where the heat sources are closer to the surface.

Ethiopia is already tapping steam in the area of the Rift Valley lakes 200 miles south of Addis Ababa. Nine wells have been drilled in the vicinity of Lakes Lugano and Abiyata, famous for the masses of pelicans which breed there, and the country's first geothermal power station is due to open in 1986. There are also plans to tap steam underneath

the torrid Danakil depression, lying below sea level between Assab and Massawa.

Kenya's search for underground energy began in 1950 but only recently did the breakthrough come, when steam vents at Ol Keria, 50 miles west of Nairobi, proved to be powerful and reliable.

One power plant is in operation at Ol Keria, generating 15 megawatts, and two more are planned. At present electric power from this source is saving Kenya 180,000 barrels of oil a year worth around \$6 million.

Two coincidences helped to make Ol Keria a success. The first is its location only a few miles from Kenya's main national grid power line, which carries electricity to Nairobi from Uganda's Owen Falls Hydro-electric plant at Jinja. The other is a crack in the floor of nearby Lake Naivasha through which a steady supply of water is fed into a vast underground 'boiler' which never runs dry.

Surveys have begun at a second site on the slopes of Eburru, an extinct volcano nearby, and also at another Rift Valley lake north of Nakuru, Lake Bogoria. Vast numbers of flamingos cluster along the edge of Lake Bogoria enjoying the warm alkaline water welling up from the hot springs.

accounts could be opened in ECU's and that obstacles for removing capital transfers in ECU's should be removed.

Matthöffer wanted the reference period for fixing the value of EEC central bank deposits of gold and foreign exchange in the European fund for monetary cooperation extended from six months to two years.

The European Commission has proposed that the total volume of these deposits should be at 40,000 million ECU's over the coming year. It wants to allow full payment in ECU's of short-term debts between central banks, instead of just 50 percent at present.

West Germany has been the main critic of the commission's bid to develop the EMS and seek new cooperation with the United States to manage exchange rates.

The commission is urging the EEC to improve economic cooperation, to allow a more liberal movement of capital within the community, and to keep a closer eye on the balance of payments and foreign debts of its members.

Grain demand gives boost to freight rates

LONDON, March 15 (AFP) — Firmer Grain rates were paid on the freight market last week following a sudden demand from the United States Gulf, particularly for 70,000 tonnes.

Soviet inquiry was said to be continuing apace, with more fixing expected following the purchase of another million tons of grain from Argentina. But, as usual, the transactions were shrouded in secrecy.

It was believed that a couple of 44,000 tonnes were fixed by these influential charterers for trans-Atlantic round voyages at \$5,000 a day each. Another fixture was said to involve a 27,000-tonner equipped for winter trading in the Baltic and the Great Lakes, taken for two years' trading at a similar price.

Chinese charterers fixed a couple of grain vessels out of the U.S. Gulf at \$26.75 ton for a 3,000-ton cargo — \$2 more than in January. A similar-sized bulk-carrier was said to have fetched \$29.25 ton just before the weekend.

U.K. industrial production drops

LONDON, March 15 (AP) — Britain's industrial output fell 0.4 percent in January, the third monthly decline in succession.

In manufacturing industries alone, production fell 0.7 percent to its lowest level since 1967, according to government central statistical office figures published Monday, which attributed some of January's decline to severe winter weather and strikes.

In the last three months, only North Sea oil, natural gas and electricity output has increased as Britain continued to struggle with its worst economic slump for half a century.

U.S. stock market

NEW YORK, March 15 (AP) — Stock prices declined broadly Monday morning amid new concern over the outlook for the U.S. money supply and interest rates.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials dropped 2.94 to 794.43 in the first half hour. Losers took a 2 to 1 lead over gainers in the early rally of New York stock exchange-listed issues.

Influx blocks road to Bombay's progress

BOMBAY, March 15, (R) — Unscrupulous landlords are cashing in on a continuing influx of people into Bombay where municipal officials estimate more than half the 8.2 million population are slum-dwellers.

The slums, mostly made up of makeshift huts, contrast sharply with the luxury flats on Bombay's plush Malabar Hill which sell for four million rupees (\$500,000).

Each day 1,500 people flood into Bombay, most of them without accommodation, and the majority end up in the seething slums or sleeping in the streets.

Bombay's 49-year-old municipal commissioner, Datta Sukthankar, the city's top administrator, has one of the most daunting urban problems in the world. He told Reuters that Bombay's population had doubled in the last 20 years.

Sukthankar said people came to Bombay from all parts of India and it was very difficult to stop this influx within a democratic system. There was a storm of protest when the administration of Maharashtra state, of which Bombay is part, rounded up 8,000 street-dwellers last August and transported them

out of the city aboard state transport buses back to their homes, many of them in southern India.

"Most of them were back in Bombay within two weeks," Sukthankar said, with a note of desperation. But he said that stern action against people who put their huts and tents on roads, sidewalks and in public places like parks was one of the essential ways of curbing the slum development.

Sukthankar said it would be utopian to think that the problem of slums and the growth of unauthorized structures in the city could be solved in the near future.

He said that the main priority was for public housing to be increased from the present 20,000 units a year to 60,000 annually. "Maybe the World Bank can help us with such a program," he said.

Sukthankar said Bombay's smugglers had gone almost respectable in recent years, realizing there was more money to be made in the construction business.

He said they were renovating old buildings and letting them out at huge rents or selling them at a 400 percent profit.

Financial Roundup

Dollar maintains strength

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 15 — The American dollar was stable Monday when the European markets re-opened. The dollar maintained its strength for most of the day despite some active profit-taking by dealers and some slight easing of Eurodollar deposit rates. Market sources also reported some moderate European central bank intervention support for the continental currencies.

In the bullion markets, gold continued to trade erratically at between \$314.30 to \$316 per ounce with bullion dealers reporting a volatile and nervous market that was still buffeted by rumors on the size of Russian and South African gold sales.

In the local markets, rial deposit levels were generally stable with only moderate rises recorded in the short-dated funds but with long-term deposits easing slightly, due to lack of activity in those tenors. The one-month rial rate is now traded at 12 1/4 — 13 percent level, while the week-fixed dealt at 11 1/4 — 12 1/2 percent.

Despite some active profit-taking activity in London and the other major houses, the dollar generally held out its Friday gains. The large rise in the weekly U.S. money supply figures kept dollar deposit rates firm, with European dealers expecting a continuation of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board's tight monetary policy. Some position adjustments, however, took Eurodollar one-month deposit levels down by 1/16 percent to 14 3/4 — 15 3/8 percent Monday.

while the three-month rate stood at 14 3/4 — 15 percent levels. The dollar was still buoyant though with renewed speculative pressure building up on further 'cut' European currency interest rates.

In the European exchanges, the B. h pound did not make any major inroads against the dollar, and was traded around 1.8030 all day, despite a brief rally to 1.8085 levels earlier in the day. The pound had closed at 1.8000 in New York on Friday. As for the French franc, that currency fluctuated between 6.0730 to 6.0800 levels while the yen remained weak at 239.70 levels all day. Only the German mark made some headway, to trade at 2.3660 compared with Friday's 2.3780 levels. The Swiss franc was similarly slightly firmer at 1.8690 levels compared with Friday's 1.8780 levels.

In the local exchanges, the dollar's fortunes were reflected in the spot rial/dollar rate which fluctuated around the opening levels of 3.4198-08. Some demand for the dollar pushed it up to 3.4200-10 but volumes were reported as low. In the money markets, rial rates eased back in the longer tenors to take the one-year level to 12 3/4 — 13 1/4 percent while the overnight funds were in demand at 13 percent levels.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	313.00
Paris	317.01
Frankfurt	316.02
Zurich	312.50
Hong Kong	318.15

BRIEFS

ROME, (AP) — The U.N. World Food Program will send 3,129 tons maize to Uganda in emergency food for people affected by drought in Karamoja and civil strife in the west Nile province, the WFP announced Monday. The emergency food, worth an estimated \$1.8 million will serve to feed 250,000 persons for a period of 2 1/2 months, the WFP said.

BONN, (AFP) — East-West trade and credit for the Soviet Union were discussed here Monday between West German officials and James Buckley, U.S. assistant secretary of state for security affairs. Buckley Sunday began a week-long tour of West Europe taking a Paris, London, Rome and Brussels as well as Bonn.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — British Leyland looks set to tie up with the Maruti car factory for the manufacture of cars and commercial vehicles in India, the Indian Express newspaper reported Monday. Its vehicles have passed road tests and Leyland could beat Renault, Peugeot, Fiat, Nissan and Volkswagen to this deal which could mean production of 100,000 small cars per annum, the paper said. Leyland expects marketing could begin late in 1983. A decision is expected within two months.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:30 p.m. Monday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.05	9.08	
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.40	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	282.00	
Canadian Dollar	—	144.25	
Deutsche Mark (100)	144.50	141.95	
Dutch Guilder (100)	132.50	131.95	
Egyptian Pound	3.44	3.85	
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.00	93.20	
French Franc (100)	46.50	56.15	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.50	56.10	
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.85	
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	
Israeli Lira (10,000)	27.00	26.80	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	142.25	
Jordanian Dinar	9.95	9.84	
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.06	12.03	
Lebanese Lira (100)	71.50	71.35	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	57.75	59.00	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	30.90	
Philippine Peso (100)	—	41.55	
Pound Sterling	6.20	6.17	
Qatari Rial (100)	94.00	94.10	
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	161.75	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	32.95	
Swiss Franc (100)	182.75	182.45	
Syrian Lira (100)	58.00	63.50	
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.429	3.422	
U.S. Dollar	75.00	74.90	
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	—	

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SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Al-Khaffi Municipality	Maintenance of Al-Khaffi streets.	—	1,000	20.3.1982
Dammam Municipality	Maintenance of Dammam Streets—	—	1,000	20.3.1982
Interior Ministry Public Security Department	Equipment for the Public Security Department's printshop	31/402/	4000	19.4.1982

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 20TH JAMAD AL AWVAL 1402/15TH MARCH 1982

1. SHIPS DISCHARGING

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
3.	Frigo Africa	Star	Fruits	14.3.82
4.	Chamvino	Orri	Gen/Can/ed Food	12.3.82
5.	Brother Star	Bamaodah	Bagged Barley	13.3.82
6.	Beldar Carrier	Fayes	Contrs/Ro/Ro Units	13.3.82
7.	Aquie Marina	Bamaodah	Bagged Sugar	12.3.82
8.	Philippine Jaamine	Bamaodah	Barley	2.3.82
9.	Enargic	Star	Bagged Barley	7.3.82
10.	Mendan	Gulf	Bulk Soya bean oil	13.3.82
11.	Char Ho	Abdallah	Contrs/Gen.	14.3.82
12.	Anangal Olligence	Baghdadi	Bagged Barley	8.3.82
13.	Union Auckland	O.C.E.	Contrs/Gen./Timbar	12.3.82
14.	Almar	Shobokshi	Steel/Gen./Mobiles	11.3.82
18.	Ionian Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	9.3.82
19.	Medcerment Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	11.3.82
20.	Olympic Peace	Alasabah	Bulk Cement	14.3.82
21.	Asia No. 15	S.E.T.C.	Contrs/Steel/Timbar	10.3.82
22.	An Hain	O.C.E.	Phyl/Tres/Gen./Cars	6.3.82
23.	Pactolus	Alasabah	Bagged Barley	13.3.82
24.	Atalaya	Gulf	Cement/Gen./Timbar	12.3.82
25.	Cher Yeung	Abdallah	Contrs/Steel/Gen.	13.3.82
26.	Saudi Jeddah	M.E.S.A.	Gen/Contrs/Steel	14.3.82
28.	Al Hijazi	A.A.	Bagged Sugar	7.3.82
30.	Edinburgh Universal	Star	Fruits	10.3.82

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SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS OF 20.5.1402/15.3.1982 CHANGES FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS

1.	Universe Clipper	Gosaibi	Barley in Bags	11.3.82
2.	Maldiva Nobla	Gosaibi	Barley in Bags	12.3.82
3.	El General (2nd cell)	Alasabah	General	14.3.82
5.	Ibn Jubayr	Kanoo	Steel/Gen.	13.3.82
6.	Saudi Cloud	Orri	General	12.3.82
9.	Makran	SEA	General	11.3.82
11.	Sea Transport	Salte	Gen/Contrs	5.3.82
15.	Strathelgin	Kanoo	Gen/Contrs	13.3.82
16.	Tang Shan	Orri	General	13.3.82
17.	Kota Alam	SEA	Gen/Contrs	11.3.82
18.	Hongkong Island	UEI	General	12.3.82
19.	Maldiva Progress	Orri	General	4.3.82
21.	Koukoumies-K	Orri	General	13.3.82
26.	Charlotte Maarsk	Kanoo	Containers	14.3.82
30.	Baron Macley	Kanoo	Bulk Iron Ore	10.3.82

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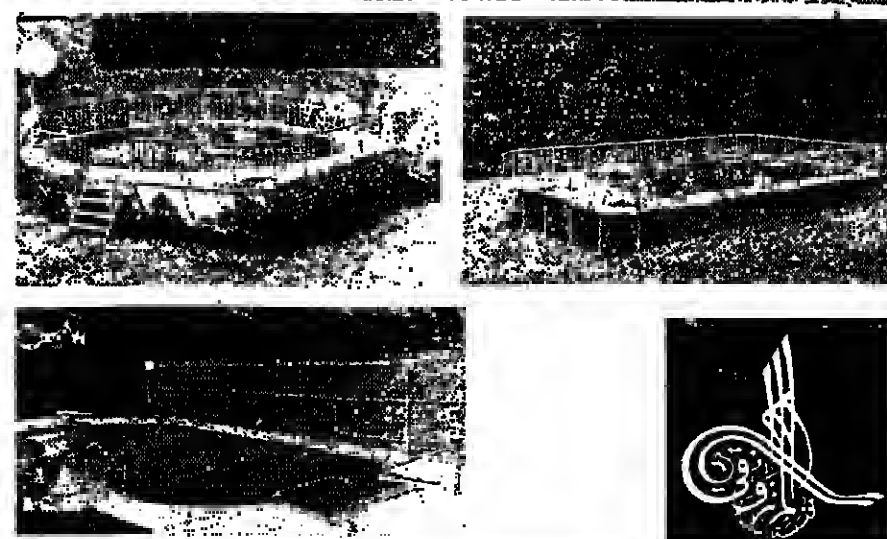
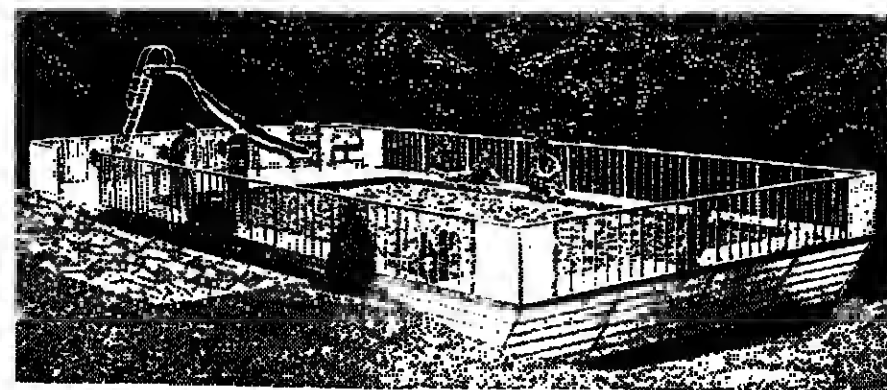
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With last-second basket

Johnny Moore tips scale in Spurs' favor

NEW YORK, March 15 (AP) — Johnny Moore hadn't made a shot all day, he was closely guarded 22 feet from the basket and time was winding down.

Then the San Antonio Spurs guard launched a high, arching shot that didn't seem to have a chance of finding the basket. "I can't believe the last shot went in," said Chicago's David Greenwood. "I think an angel must have guided it."

Moore scored only four points all day, while teammates George Gervin and Mike Mitchell had 37 and 34, respectively. But it was Moore who hit the shot at the buzzer, giving the Spurs a 119-117 victory over the Bulls Sunday. The triumph snapped a three-game losing streak by the Spurs, who lead the National Basketball Association Midwest Division.

"We were trying to get the ball down low, first to Mitchell, and then to Gervin. But they were both covered," said Spurs coach Stan Albeck. "But it's about time we got a break. We've been playing so many games that have gone down to the wire, and we haven't been playing well down the stretch." "I just put a lot of arch on it and hoped for the best," Moore said. "Ronnie Lester was right in front of me."

In other NBA games Sunday, Los Angeles bombed Dallas 138-116. Boston tripped Phoenix 105-92. Washington spanked Atlanta 92-85. Milwaukee smashed Utah 218-100. Philadelphia outscored Kansas City 128-114. Seattle edged New Jersey 98-97. Denver crushed Golden State 127-101 and Detroit defeated Cleveland 109-103.

Moore's game-winning shot spoiled a spirited comeback by Chicago, which was working on a three-game winning streak that had revived its playoff hopes.

The Bulls trailed 89-74 going into the final period, but they outscored the Spurs 43-28 in the eighth straight time since the franchise was formed last season. After leading 70-58 at halftime, Los Angeles scored 28 of the first 38 points of the second-half to go ahead 98-68. None of the Lakers' starters played in the fourth quarter.

Supersonics 98, Nets 97: Jack Sikma's foul shot with two seconds left carried Seattle past New Jersey. Sikma was fouled after he controlled the rebound of a missed free throw by James Donaldson, who had tied the score with a dunk. Gus Williams led Seattle with 23 points and Buck Williams had 20 for New Jersey.

Nuggets 127, Warriors 101: Kiki Vandeweghe scored 26 points and Glen Gondrezick added 24 to spark Denver over Golden State. The Nuggets led by only five points, 92-87, going into the fourth period, but a 9-2 spurt opened a 12-point advantage and the Warriors never got closer.

Pistons 109, Cavaliers 103: Kelly Tripucka scored 63 of his 37 points in the last nine minutes to spark Detroit past Cleveland. The Cavaliers led 89-83 with 8:05 remaining, but Detroit outscored them 14-2 in the last four minutes for a 97-91 advantage.

Bucks 129, Jazz 100: Milwaukee, the runaway Central Division leader, snapped a five-game losing streak and extended Utah's string of defeats to 10 as Sidney Moncrief scored 22 points and Mickey Johnson added 21 points. Moncrief scored 13 points in the third quarter and Johnson had 16 in the first quarter as Milwaukee never trailed.

76ers 128, Kings 114: Julius Erving scored 30 points and Philadelphia led from the start against Kansas City. The Kings never got closer than five points after the 76ers took a 13-2 lead. They coasted to their fifth straight triumph.

Celtics 105, Suns 92: Robert Parish scored 33 points, 10 of them in the third quarter when Boston turned the game around for its 11th straight victory. Phoenix led 45-41 at halftime, but the Celtics shot 76 percent from the field in the third period while outscoring the Suns 33-22 for a 74-67 lead. Boston never led by less than five thereafter.

Bullets 92, Hawks 85: Greg Ballard scored 20 points to lead a balanced Washington attack that stopped a five-game Atlanta winning streak. Kevin Grevey added 18 points for the Bullets. Spencer Haywood 16 and Jeff Ruland 14. Dan Rounfield led all scorers with 22 for Atlanta.

Lakers 138, Mavericks 116: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 28 points and Jamaal Wilkes 26 as Los Angeles bombed Dallas for the eighth straight time since the franchise was formed last season. After leading 70-58 at halftime, Los Angeles scored 28 of the first 38 points of the second-half to go ahead 98-68. None of the Lakers' starters played in the fourth quarter.

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Hale Irwin...splendid late charge

Magnificent Irwin bags Inverrary title

LAUDERHILL, Florida, March 15 (AP) — Hale Irwin capped a nine-hour performance with a magnificent shot from the trees that produced a last-hole birdie and a one-stroke victory Sunday in the Honda-Inverrary Golf Classic.

Irwin became the game's fifth man to go past the 2 million dollar mark in career earnings. He finished the double-round, 36-hole windup with a low, running shot through tree trunks and under branches to within 3-4 feet of the cup on the final hole. Irwin tapped it in for the birdie that lifted him out of a three-way tie for the top with George Burns and Tom Kite.

A two-time U.S. Open champion, Irwin claimed the 14th victory of his 14-year tour career with a 265 total, 19 strokes under par. He was 11 under for the final 36 holes — 12 under for the last 27 — played in muggy heat with temperatures reaching into the mid-80s. The double-round finish was made necessary after Thursday's play was rained out.

Kite, the defending champion, and Burns — who engaged in a two-man struggle most of the long day before Irwin's late charge swept by them both — tied for second at 270.

To cross the \$2m mark

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Burns, who once held a four-stroke lead in the morning round and a three-stroke margin in the afternoon, had closing efforts of 67 and 70.

Kite, a playoff winner at Bay Hill last Monday, was tied with Burns for the lead on six separate occasions during the long day's play, and finished in that position with rounds of 71 and 67. While Kite — who seems to be in contention on a weekly basis — was frustrated at another victory that slipped away, he gained some consolation from the \$35,200 check that put him, once again, on top of the money-winning list at \$150,710.

But it was small consolation for Kite, who gets so close so often. "I'm disappointed. I thought I'd win. I really did. I felt like I was playing well enough. Guess we lost it was in the morning round, shooting only 71. That put me behind the 8-ball, trying to catch up."

Irwin won \$73,000 and pushed his year's earnings to \$93,421 for his career he has won \$2,059,794. Only Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson, Lee Trevino and Tom Weiskopf have won more.

Bobby Clampett, a curly-haired 21-year-old who once got to within a single stroke of

the lead, played his last two rounds in 67, 66 and was two strokes back of the winner at 271. He was followed by Cal Peete, who shot 67, 69. Ray Floyd was next at 274 after rounds of 69 and 68, and Ed Sneed had a 275 total with closing rounds of 69 and 67.

In City of Industry, California, rain forced postponement of Sunday's final round of the \$150,000 Olympia Golf Women's Golf Tournament until Monday. Donna White, who has a three-round total of 5-under-par 214, will carry a 3-stroke lead over Japanese star Ayako Okamoto into the rain-delayed final 18 holes of the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tournament. The event was shortened to two rounds in 1981 because of heavy rains.

Defending champions Sally Little of South Africa is a stroke behind Okamoto, and Amy Alcott and Janet Coles are another shot back.

The final round was not called off until the early afternoon Sunday, with a number of players on the course. The leaders, however, had not begun play because the times had been set back almost three hours by rain delays.

Wood puts Aussies on road to recovery

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, March 15 (AP) — New Zealand maintained hopes of forcing a victory in the second cricket Test against Australia despite a century from Graeme Wood at Eden Park here Monday.

At the close Australia were 241 for four in their second innings, effectively 64 for four when their first innings deficit is taken into account. The Australian batting was far more responsible Monday than it had been on Friday, although the loss of Kim Hughes and John Dyson after tea was enough to give New Zealand a whiff of a second victory over Australia in 14 Tests between the countries.

When Australia resumed Monday at 13 without loss the first priority was a solid foundation from Wood and his West Australian teammate Bruce Laird. They put on 106 for the first wicket. Wood had hit seven boundaries when he reached 50 in two hours. After losing Laird at 62 he worked his way steadily into the nineties.

On 99 he went to sweep a ball from Geoff Howarth and got a top edge which hit him between the eyes. After recovering he waited two more balls and made full contact with a similar shot to reach his seventh Test century.

Two minutes and five balls later he top-

ed another sweep which this time finished in the hands of Snedden at square leg. As commendable as Wood's efforts were his team needed him to carry on after having reached his century.

Wood has never really shown the application to settle himself back in after reaching a hundred. In his seven Test centuries he has never got beyond 126, which was his maiden one in Georgetown four years ago. His departure brought in Hughes, who looked somewhat unphased to be confronted with an attack of Lance Cairns and John Morrison.

Cairns always needs careful watching, but Morrison was something of a surprise package. Howarth was forced to turn to several part-timers during the day, and must have been lamenting the decision to make off-spinner John Bracewell the 12th man. The bulk of the slow attack was assigned to Morrison, who proved himself a handy exponent of left-arm orthodox slow bowling.

He bowled a total of 32 overs, probably more than he would send down in an entire season, and was entitled to rub his shoulder very gingerly toward the end of the day. Ungainly as his approach and delivery appears, he kept a tidy length, turned the odd

one, and plugged up one end very effectively, while Cairns took the important wickets at the other. The fast bowlers were left patrolling the outfield for most of the day until recalled to take the new ball just before stumps. Morrison, a specialist bat, had bowled only two overs this season.

Cairns made Australia's position less comfortable than it might have been by taking the wickets of Dyson and Hughes in the last session. Hughes was bowled for 17, pushing forward with an angled bat from which the ball spun under the bottom edge into his wicket.

Dyson was yanked leg stump for 33 — the same as he had made in the first innings, leaving Greg Chappell and Allan Border to survive the last hour in fading light.

Howarth called for the new ball 27 overs after it was due with 20 minutes remaining. But Richard Hadlee, again off his full run, and Martin Snedden barely had time to work the stiffness from their shoulders before the light closed in and stumps were drawn.

With only the dapper keeper Rod Marsh to bank on, Australia depends heavily on Greg Chappell and the stylish Allan Border.



Graeme Wood...a responsible 100

Score-board	
Australia (1st innings)	219
New Zealand (1st innings)	241
Australia (2nd innings)	100
G. Wood c Snedden b Cairns	100
B. Laird bow Hadlee	39
J. Dyson b Cairns	33
K. Hughes b Cairns	17
G. Chappell batting	24
A. Border batting	14
Extras	14
Total (for 4 wickets)	241
Fall of wickets: 1-106, 2-167, 3-196, 4-202	
Bowling: Hadlee 19-4-6-49-1; Cairns 34-6-69-3; Morrison 32-14-51-0; Troup 13-4-26-0; Snedden 8-2-22-0; Howarth 4-2-4-1; Coney 4-1-6-0	

Mehmood tricks for Petromin

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 15 — A hat-trick by Mehmood featured Petromin's second win of the Hutaime Cricket League last weekend.

At Al Hamra, Petromin batting first, rattled up 193 with contributions from Taiwer (46), Mehmood (31) and Sarwar (20) against Iskender. The target proved to be a stiff one for Iskender, which could muster only 98 against the accuracy of Mehmood (four for 13) and Ishiaq (three for 16).

Deadly spells by Tanveer (five for 42) and Shahid Shabeer (five for 69) enabled Pak Young to score an upset 38-run verdict over SAMCO at Baghdadia. Tanveer and Shahid shared the spoils after Pak Young, making the first use of the strip, had plundered 206 runs. And the man responsible for this tally was Humayun with a breezy 67. Useful contributions from Tauqier (33), Shahid (27) and Farooq (27) bolstered the innings. SAMCO proved up to the challenge when Kheizer (47), Faiz (42) and Salman (28) were out in the middle, but a late slump put paid to their hopes and could only tally 168.

The third bowler to corner the limelight was Hamid of Abdullah Hasim XI. His analysis of seven for 24 was the turning point in his side's six-wicket triumph over Indian Blues. The Indians were skittled out for a mere 77 and a brief cave in caused by Nasar (three for 21) gave slender hopes for the Indians. But the tally was too little for their bowlers to try to make a match of it.

Transcontinental recorded a 59-run victory over JCC. Opting to bat first, Transcontinental reached 154 on the strength of Arshad (93), Javed (28) and Khalid (29) as Javid (six for 48) was the best JCC bowler.

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Lendl outlasts Smid in final

Kevin Keegan...another award
**Keegan voted
player of year**

Meanwhile, it was learnt that Charlie George, the former Arsenal and Southampton striker, is to rejoin Derby. George left Southampton early this season to play in Hong Kong.

DePaul Blue Demons fall at first hurdle

Liverpool fans

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Ivan Lendl...claims Munich crown

At Raleigh, North Carolina, Alabama will meet North Carolina, with Memphis St., winner over Wake Forest, 56-55, taking on Villanova. The final four from the regional play will get together March 27 and 29 at New Orleans for the title.

garian champs

Bayern. European Cup winners from 1974-76, toned up for their date with the Romanians by beating Borussia Dortmund

Red Star Belgrade will be favorites to secure the fourth semifinal place against Belgian visitors Anderlecht. The Yugoslavs trail 2-1 but will be confident of overturning that deficit on home soil.

Conclusions

European Soccer Teams									
		Spain		Netherlands		East Germany		Turkey	
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Cadiz	3	Athletic Bilbao	0	FC Den Haag	2	De Graafschap	2		
Las Palmas	0	Ossana	0	ROD JC	1	AZ '67 Alkmaar	2		
Sporting	4	Espanol	1	FC Utrecht	2	Haarlem	0		
Castellon	1	Valencia	1	Rotterdam	1	PEC Zwolle	1		
Barcelona	2	Saragossa	1	FC Groningen	3	FC Twente	0		
Racing	2	Hercules	0	Ajax Amsterdam	0	MVV Maastricht	0		
Real Sociedad	1	Sevilla	0						
Athletic Madrid	1	Real Valladolid	0	Carl-Marx-Stadt	2	Carl Zeissena	3		
				Lokomotive Leipzig	0	Hansa Rostock	0		
				Chemie Halle	0	Vorwärts Frankfurt	2		
				Dynamo Berlin	4	Rot-Wiss Erfurt	2		
Avellino	3	Napoli	0						
Cagliari	1	Udinese	1						
Cesena	4	Bologna	1						
Como	1	Ancon	0	Fenerbahce	0	Bursaspor	0		
Genoa	1	Inter	1	Diwarbakirsport	0	Adanaspor	1		
Milan	0	Catanzaro	0	Gaziantepspor	0	Zonguldakspor	0		
Roma	0	Juventus	3	Kocaelispor	1	Besiktas	0		
Torino	2	Florentina	2	Alay	1	Ankaragucu	1		
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In rain-shortened 'Test' S. Africans win opener

Singapore continue to struggle. Their 4-0 defeat by Malaysia followed earlier 12-0 and 7-0 defeats by India and Pakistan respectively. Malaysia's scorers were Chai Seng Yu, Surya Prakesh, Colin St. Maria and Derek

LONDON. (AFP) — Jahangir Khan, the 18-year-old world champion, beat Qumar Zaman 3-0 to make the final of the Lager Open Squash Championship here Sunday.

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Figure 1. A schematic diagram of the experimental setup. The subject is seated in a chair, viewing a video screen. The screen displays a target (a small circle) and a starting point (a larger circle). The subject's hand is positioned at the starting point. The distance between the starting point and the target is 10 cm. The subject is instructed to move their hand from the starting point to the target. The video screen is positioned 40 cm from the subject's hand. The subject's hand is positioned at the starting point. The distance between the starting point and the target is 10 cm. The subject is instructed to move their hand from the starting point to the target. The video screen is positioned 40 cm from the subject's hand. The subject's hand is positioned at the starting point. The distance between the starting point and the target is 10 cm. The subject is instructed to move their hand from the starting point to the target. The video screen is positioned 40 cm from the subject's hand.



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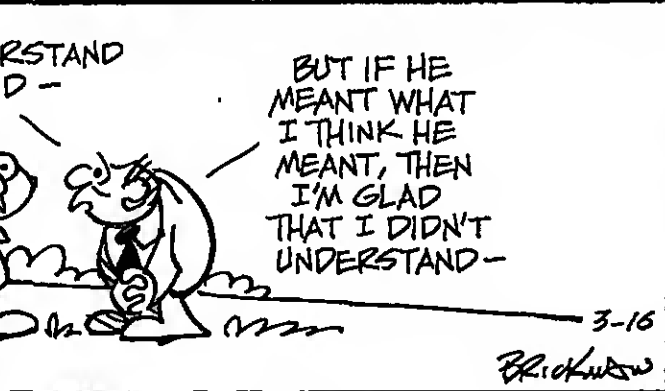
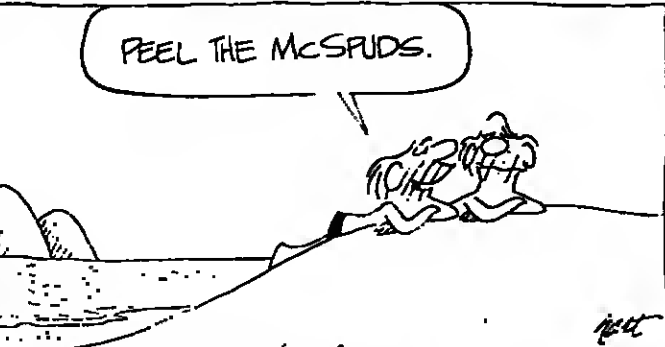
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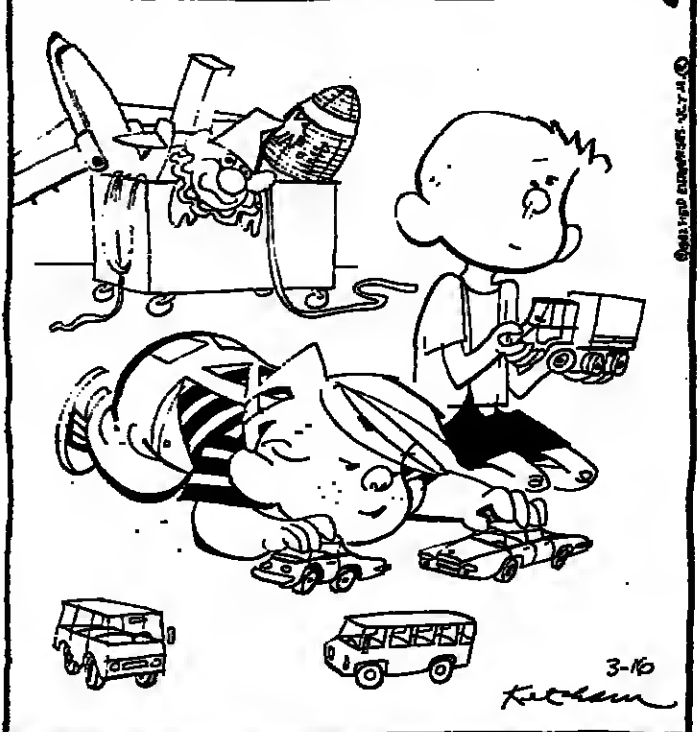
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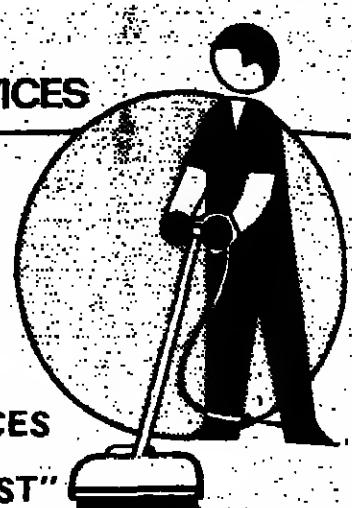
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International

Soviet role seen

Mexico to pursue Salvador dialogue

NEW YORK, March 15 (R) — The Reagan administration is showing interest in a Mexican peace plan for Central America, which calls for U.S. talks with Cuba and Nicaragua in an effort to end El Salvador's guerrilla war.

The plan for a negotiated settlement dominated a weekend meeting here of foreign secretaries of the United States, Mexico, Canada, Venezuela and Colombia to discuss President Reagan's Caribbean development program.

A negotiated settlement also involving the

People told to stock food

SAN SALVADOR, March 15 (R) — Leftist guerrillas battling to overthrow El Salvador's U.S.-backed government have renewed appeals to people to stock up on medicines and food in preparation for a "decisive moment." The clandestine Radio Venceremos (we shall overcome) Saturday night also called on people to keep ready for use home-made Molotov cocktails to support guerrilla forces during a so-called general insurrection.

It did not indicate when an insurrection would come but military sources speculate the guerrillas might soon try to attack San Salvador to make the war felt at all levels, giving added impetus to their attempts to disrupt a constituent assembly election due March 28. Since the start of the year there has been relative calm in the capital, with fighting confined mostly to the provinces, especially in the east and north.

The guerrillas plan to boycott and if possible stop the election, seen by the ruling junta as a first step in ending a civil war in which 30,000 persons have died in two years. "Election or no election, the fight to overthrow the dictatorial government will continue," the radio said.

The radio rebroadcast Saturday an earlier report that troops massacred innocent peasants near Lake Apastepeque in the eastern province of San Vicente. Reporters who scoured the area reported finding the bodies of four men and one woman near Los Cocos about five kilometers from the lake shore area but it was not known if they were victims of the alleged massacre or guerrillas killed in a government sweep of the area.

Col. Napoleon Alvarado, commander of the fifth infantry brigade, said week-long search and destroy operation in San Vicente and neighboring Cabanas ended Saturday with about 100 guerrillas killed.

British hotel food awful, guide says

LONDON, March 15 (AP) — Britons have simply got to do something about their awful restaurant food, a consumer handbook demanded Monday. If diners don't stop meekly accepting tasteless meals and telling the waiter, "everything is very nice," the growers, wholesalers and restaurateurs will never match their French counterparts just 34kms from Dover, said Christopher Driver, editor of the 1982 *Good Food Guide*.

He said that even counting the cost of the ticket, it is already cheaper for people living near the Channel ports to take a day trip to Calais or Boulogne for lunch, than eat out in their local dining places, and the quality gap is growing as well.

"Food could be the next British industry to fade away," he wrote, citing the example of the "overgrown, tasteless tomato produced for profit alone without any thought of taste." By contrast, everyone in France cooperates to find the best ingredients and fishermen actually ask the restaurateur what he wants them to catch.

The British food business is deluding itself if it thinks the new-found British enthusiasm for eating and purchasing food in France is only a temporary phenomenon, the editor said.

Schmidt may contest

BONN, March 15 (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt is prepared to stand again for re-election in 1984 if his Social Democratic Party wants him, his spokesman said Monday. Spokesman Kurt Becker confirmed reports that Schmidt had offered to run again in 1984 during a meeting with left-wing members of his party.

Schmidt took over as chancellor in 1974 following the resignation of Willy Brandt. The West German constitution provides no limit on length of service for heads of government.

Political observers believe Schmidt made the remark to silence speculation that he might step down early because of differences within his party over foreign and defense issues.

The SPD's coalition partner, the Free Democratic Party, has made clear it would consider withdrawing from the government if Schmidt were no longer chancellor.

Ruling party leading in Colombia

BOGOTA, March 15 (Agencies) — The Liberal Party appeared certain Monday to retain control of both the Senate and House of Representatives, according to official figures released Monday showing the Liberals with a clear lead over their closest rivals.

The results, which were reported at 1030 GMT, gave the Liberals 527,128 votes, an absolute majority of the 973,946 ballots counted. The Conservative Party had 417,860 votes, the leftist opposition had 25,265 and 1,411 votes were classified as miscellaneous. The remaining 2,282 votes were either blank or voided.

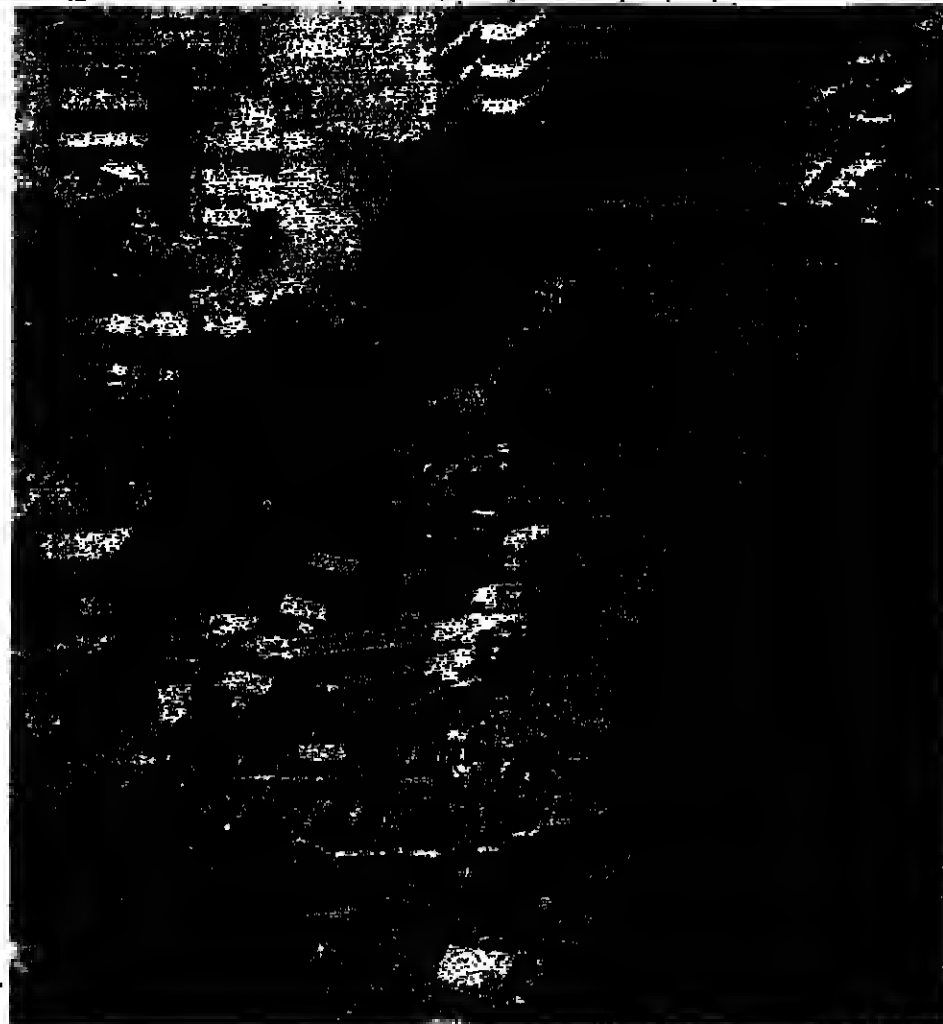
Because of the large number of candidates final results were not expected before 2000 GMT.

Luis Carlos Galan, the dissident Liberal challenging the official presidential nomination of former President Alfonso Lopez Michelsen, appeared to be heading for a landslide victory in Bogota. But Lopez Michelsen, supported by the powerful party machine, was ahead by wide margins in the interior.

Unofficial figures suggested that about half the electorate voted, despite left-wing guerrilla calls for a poll boycott. Figures compiled by the major radio networks said the turnout was an estimated 45 to 50 percent, compared with a record low of 33 percent in the last elections in 1978.

Leftist guerrillas had urged Colombia's traditionally apathetic voters to abstain in even greater numbers. The abstention rates have swung between 43 and 67 percent in the last 25 years. The elections went off without major incident and President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala said in a television speech Sunday night that the peaceful electoral process had showed Colombia's support for democracy.

The army and police mounted a big security drive across the country to keep the peace during Sunday's voting. The only inci-



COLOMBIANS VOTE: Overhead view of main street in Bogota, a two-kilometer stretch of more than 5,000 polling booths, where Colombians voted Sunday for new members of Congress and regional government posts.

dents reported by the army were the killing of seven M-19 guerrillas in a clash with troops in southwest Colombia and the destruction of a polling station in northeastern Arauca province.

During campaigning for 9,000 national, provincial and municipal seats, the M-19 guerrillas stepped up their campaign of bombing and killings, including a car bomb attack in front of the presidential palace last week.

With West Germans

U.S. delegation begins sanctions talks

BONN, March 15 (R) — A U.S. delegation headed by Undersecretary of State James Buckley held talks in Bonn Monday at the start of a mission aimed at persuading America's West European allies to toughen sanctions against the Soviet bloc.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the seven-man group conferred with State Secretary Hans Werner Lautenschlager and senior finance and economics ministry officials dealing with East-West trade and credit

policy. Their day-long program included a meeting later with Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, he said.

The U.S. delegation, which will visit Paris, Rome, London and Brussels, was expected to argue the case for tightening lending rules which allow Communist countries to use Western credits to bolster their flagging economies. Their talks were also expected by West European diplomats to center on U.S. efforts to stiffen economic and

other sanctions against Moscow and Warsaw over martial law in Poland.

West German officials said they saw Buckley's visit as part of an attempt to coordinate medium-term policy on East-West trade and credits. Despite differences on these issues between the United States and its allies, they insisted it would be wrong to expect co-ordination from the Bonn talks.

West Germany has persisting reservations about the point of economic sanctions and has resisted U.S. opposition to a multibillion-dollar deal for the Soviet Union to supply huge quantities of Siberian gas to Western Europe. Last week Bonn disclosed it had approved 1.2 billion marks (\$17 million) in state-backed guarantees for exports to the Soviet Union since Jan. 11 — when NATO countries threatened economic sanctions unless martial law in Poland was lifted.

The United States has long criticized the multibillion-dollar gas deal with the Soviet Union. Recipient countries will subsidize construction of the 4,500 kms pipeline through cheap credits. Genscher and Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff staunchly defended the project in recent visits to Washington and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has said it will go through however much "squawking" is heard. The deal, according to the United States, provides Moscow with much needed convertible currency.

Diplomats say the Reagan administration appears to have given up attempts to persuade West Germany, France, Italy and other countries to pull out of the contract with Moscow. But Western officials say the United States is now trying to toughen its allies' attitudes toward credit for Communist states.

U.S. officials said last week President Reagan is delaying consideration of further measures to hold up the gas deal until Buckley reports back from Europe.

U.K. hamlet celebrates bully's death

ELVINGTON, England, March 15 (AP) — When word spread through this tiny Kent hamlet that Brian "Bowie" Oonios had been found dead in a pool of blood in front of his home, neighbors crowded into the local hotel to celebrate. Some danced to the street.

Villagers described Oonios Monday as a local bully, and police complained they were getting no help in finding whoever bludgeoned the 42-year-old bachelor's legs with a shotgun Saturday, then left him to bleed to death. Officers went from neighbor to neighbor, but "the continuing theme was that his death was no great loss," a police spokesman said.

"If it had been any one else, everybody would have fallen over themselves to be helpful straightaway," said villager Morte Hardiog. "But it being Bowie, we didn't hear anything and didn't see anything. Whoever done this has only done what we didn't have the nerve to do all these years."

Residents of Elvington, a small village near Dover on the English Channel coast, said they lived in terror of Oonios, who they claimed crept around the hamlet with a shotgun, smashed windows, ransacked homes and wrecked cars.

Oonios was acquitted in 1976 of attempting to murder a neighbor with a shotgun. Earlier this year, he was shot and wounded in a wood near his home, but the assailant was never found, police said. When Oonios was gunned down Saturday night, he crawled from his house to his front gate, leaving a trail of blood in his yard, and appealed to passing villagers for help, police said. None came.

Neighbor Jane Watts, 15, said she ignored the cries because Oonios "always shouted that way when he was intoxicated". As word flashed around the village Oonios had been killed, residents began crowding into the nearby hotel.

"Those that could not get into the hotel were dancing in the street," said Mrs. Harding. Neighbors reported hearing one man outside the hotel laughing and singing, "the bully's dead, the bully's dead."

Simon Harding, 19, reported, "when my uncle heard of the shooting, he said, 'whoever got him ought to get a medal as big as a dustbin (garbage can) lid.'"

Police said they intended to press on with their investigations. But they added it would not be an easy job.

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Bangkok	28	82	33	91	clear
Beirut	7	45	16	61	clear
Berlin	5	41	11	52	clear
Caracas	18	64	28	82	cloudy
Chicago	1	33	10	50	cloudy
Copenhagen	5	41	5	41	rain
Dublin	1	34	9	48	clear
Frankfurt	1	34	9	48	clear
Geneva	3	27	7	45	clear
Helsinki	2	36	4	39	clear
Hong Kong	19	66	25	77	cloudy
Jakarta	23	73	31	88	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	22	72	34	93	rain
London	9	48	9	48	rain
Los Angeles	13	55	18	64	rain
Madrid	5	41	16	61	clear
Manila	20	68	34	93	clear
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مركز من الأخبار

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

On the art of the unanswerable comment, the phrase which makes you think, I wish I'd thought of that.

There was this lady sitting with her friend in a restaurant. She was wearing an eye-catching pearl necklace and her friend said, "These surely can't be natural pearls." The lady took offense and insisted that they were natural.

"All right," said her friend, "let me test them." She took them from her companion and started hitting them. "But my dear," said the lady, "how can your false teeth tell whether the pearls are real?"

Or there was that actress doing badly as Queen Victoria in a play, of whom a theater critic said, "she made one think Prince Albert married beneath himself."

Then there's the story of Disraeli being asked to distinguish between 'misfortune' and 'disaster', and not being able to resist the opportunity to make a jibe at his arch enemy Gladstone explained: "For Mr. Gladstone to fall into the river, that's a misfortune. For someone to jump in and save him, that's a disaster."

Then there's that someone who defined an actor's fan club as a group of people whose task is to convince him he's not alone in loving himself.

Finally, and on a dark note. It was Stalin who was supposed to have made the distinction: Murder is the horrifying killing of a person, while genocide is a matter of statistics.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awad

India assured of Soviet military ties

NEW DELHI, March 15 (AP) — Soviet Defense Minister Marshal Dmitri F. Ustinov said Monday that India should have no complaints about its military relations with Moscow. Ustinov told reporters on his arrival with a high-powered delegation at Delhi airport that meetings with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and other Indian leaders during his six-day visit "will help to settle whatever questions that may arise" in military relations between the two countries.

"I would like to emphasize that I don't think anyone on the Indian side can complain as far as our relations in defense are concerned," Ustinov said.

The Soviet Union has been India's largest foreign supplier of military hardware but recently Indian military planners have sought to diversify their sources, with a multibillion-dollar warplane purchase from Britain, submarines from West Germany and negotiations on another aircraft deal with France.

The implication was that the most advanced Soviet technology and spare parts were not fully available to India. Indian Defense Minister Ramaswamy Venkatarman and India's top military brass greeted Ustinov and the delegation of three deputy defense ministers and 30 generals and conducted them down a long red carpet from their Ilyushin-62 jet transport.

Local news reports said Ustinov would conclude an agreement during his visit for India to manufacture Soviet MIG-27 jet fighters at the Bangalore factory that is already turning out earlier MIGs as well as the British Jaguar deep penetration jets.

One Indian spokesman said MIG 27s "may or may not be discussed" and another said it was doubtful an agreement would be concluded during the visit. The visit was at India's invitation but some Indian sources suggested that it was a Soviet initiative.

Ustinov told reporters, "gentlemen of the press, no worries. Everything is fine between our two countries. Our bilateral relations are excellent in all fields."

The 73-year-old Soviet marshal was making his first official visit as minister outside the Communist bloc. Indian officials said he said Indo-Soviet relations are developing "stably and dynamically" and conveyed Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev's greetings to "the people of glorious India."

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